

## Maryville mourns loss of young leader

### City remembers Brown for his passion

By ABBY SIMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

"It does take a village to raise a child, and that's more than an African proverb. Where I grew up, it's a reality."

In an autobiographical essay written by Rob Brown shortly before his death, he credited the city he loved for much of what he had become. In a stirring memorial service Tuesday, Maryville said goodbye to its beloved son.

Brown, 25, an active and well-known campus and community member who served as the Nodaway County regional

response planner for bioterrorism, died instantly in a one-vehicle accident at 1:30 a.m. Feb. 1.

Brown's 2001 Volkswagen Jetta left the road at 16<sup>th</sup> and Alco streets, entered the ditch and returned to the road. The vehicle then left the roadway again at 16<sup>th</sup> and North Grand, striking a drainage ditch and causing the vehicle to go airborne and overturn, coming to a rest in the 1200 block of West 16<sup>th</sup>. Brown was pronounced dead at the scene. Police say Brown was not wearing his safety belt. The results of a blood test to determine the presence of alcohol are expected back in three to four weeks.

Brown is survived by his mother, Bridget Brown, director of the Newman Center, and a sister, Dr. Julie Brown of Mission, Kan. He is preceded in

death by his father, Robert, a former economics professor at Northwest who died of leukemia in 1992.

Mourners packed St. Gregory's church for the prayer service, sharing more laughs than tears with the many speakers who fondly remembered the loving peacekeeper who friends and family say succeeded in his goal to make the world a better place.

"It didn't take long to know that Rob loved his mother, father and his community more than anyone will ever know," said Jon Rickman, vice president for Information Systems and Brown's mentor while applying to become a Rotary World Peace Scholar. "Rob was a peacemaker. He was busy in a quest to learn by doing and to teach by doing because that's the way Rob wanted to do it."

A 1995 graduate of Maryville High School and decorated Eagle Scout, Brown attended Northwest, graduating in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication.

A seasoned traveler dedicated to community and helping others, Brown joined the Peace Corps upon graduating from Northwest. While serving two years in the Republic of Moldova, where he taught secondary English to elementary students, Brown not only adapted to the eastern European culture during his time in Moldova, but also shared American ways by teaching children the game of baseball and leading them in United Nations competitions. Rickman said the time served overseas was just another part of his giving personality. (Please see "Brown" page 7A)



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Rob Brown, Nodaway County regional response planner for bioterrorism, is seen here with the kids he taught while in the Peace Corps. During his time the Peace Corps he served two years in the Republic of Moldova.

### Degree gets wired

Northwest's GIS masters degree can now be had via online course work

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Starting next fall, a master's degree in geographic information science will be available without ever stepping into a classroom.

Students studying elementary and special education will also be able to receive degrees online.

The 32-hour GIS degree, which will be strictly online, is the first of its kind. It will likely draw students that have already been in the work force according to Patricia Drews, assistant professor of geography.

"We feel that the largest target audience for the program may be people who are working in the GIS industry and want an advanced degree, but do not want to leave their jobs and go to a traditional graduate program," Drews said. "They want to keep their employment in their current job."

The degree will also include a master's thesis that will also be done online.

Drews said the process started in fall 2001, when administration asked the department to put together a proposal for what it would take to do an online master's in GIS. Once the department put together the proposal, and it was approved, the implementation of the degree began.

The last step for the GIS degree is to get passed by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Drews said the board should approve the degree within the next month. The first two courses of the degree will be available in the Fall trimester next year.

"We've had quite a few responses from some of our graduates who are very interested in the program," Drews said. "A couple of weeks ago there was an article in *The St. Joseph News-Press*, and it was on their Web site, so that got quite a bit

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### Going up strong...

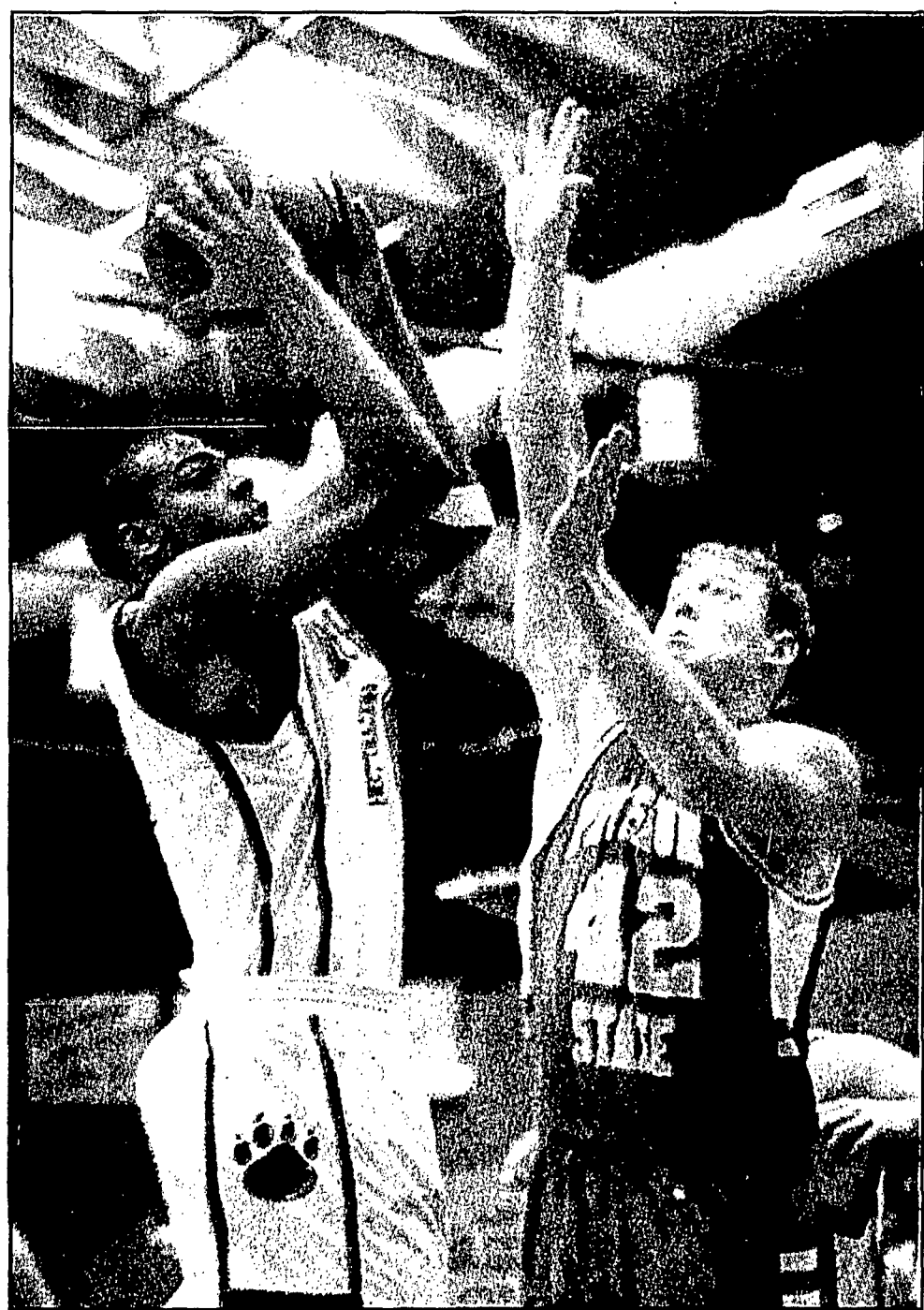


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Northwest senior forward Jelani Walker goes up for a lay-up during Saturday's 28-point victory over Pittsburg State University. The 92-64 victory improved the "Cats" record to 7-4 in the MIAA. For the results of Wednesday's matchup against Truman State University turn to page 1B. For the women's results turn to page 2B.

### Driver slams into Phillips, causes external damage

Damage is estimated at \$15,000 in crash

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

After-hour parties Thursday night led to early morning destruction at Phillips Residence Hall Friday.

Nathaniel Oster, Northwest senior, plunged into the building with his 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee at 5:43 a.m. shoving a portion of the building 2-3 feet inward.

"I went to an after-party at a friend's house and I remember giving my keys to my buddy, intending not to drive," Oster said. "For some reason, I left, found my spare keys that were hidden in my cattle guard and drove clear from the far-east side of town to



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SUCKOW/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR  
Construction workers put up the framing for the hole left in Phillips Hall due to a drunk driver. The damages to the hall were estimated at \$15,000.

Phillips."

Oster's blood alcohol level was over the legal limit when Campus Safety found him immediately after the incident occurred. "I imagine I just went to sleep in my vehicle without putting it

into park and pushed the gas," Oster said.

Campus Safety and Environmental Service workers were first on the scene.

"Environmental Services checked

(Please see "Crash" page 7A)

### Columbia explosion brings questions

Continued exploration is suggested by Smeltzer

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Seven astronauts worked for two weeks aboard the space shuttle Columbia before plum-

meting towards earth at 12,500 mph and bursting into flames above Texas upon reentering the atmosphere.

As information continues to surface, answers are being pieced together to help explain why the shuttle went down.

Jim Smeltzer, Northwest professor of physics, contributed to education workshops

with NASA five years ago and shares in the concern of finding reasons for the accident.

"To make missions work, there are a lot of things that have to be done," Smeltzer said. "Knowing the complex nature, when one piece fails, this will certainly jeopardize the mission."

(Please see "Explosion" page 7A)

### UNTRUE RUMORS: Missouri Southern State College and Missouri Western State College dispel myths of closure; Southern academic vice president said allegations lack credibility

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR & MARK EUSTON  
CHIEF REPORTER

To say that Missouri Southern and Missouri Western State colleges are having trouble adapting to the possible budget cuts is an accurate statement.

However, officials from both schools said talks about having the schools permanently closed are just rumors.

State representative Chuck Graham had openly discussed the possibility of closing both colleges to alleviate the budget problems that are currently inflicting higher education across the state.

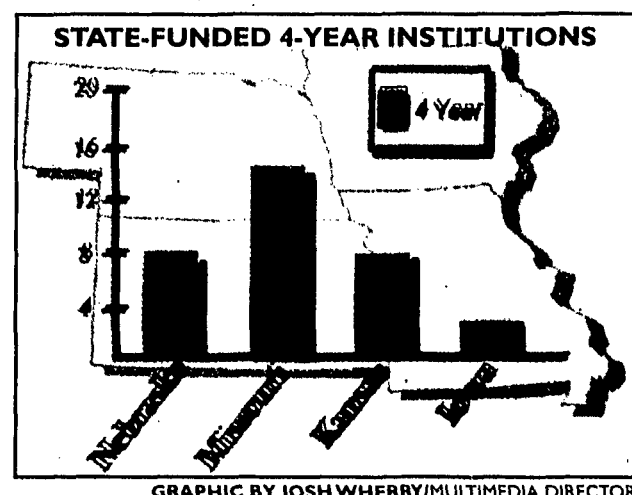
According to Larry Martin, academic vice president at Missouri Southern, those

statements are false. "The statement doesn't have any credibility," Martin said. "That was one person talking to the University of Missouri-Columbia alumni. I haven't heard anybody else talk about that. It doesn't have any legs to it."

Missouri Western officials

stated that they are not overly concerned with the rumors either.

"This is not going to happen," Jim Scanlon, Missouri Western's president, said. It is just a proposal that he (Graham) threw out. (Graham) stated that he doesn't even support it." (Please see "Budget" page 7A)



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What is the deal with Nebraska students and tuition compared to Iowa students? Will Julian end his fascination with the C-Man and are there any hot girls in the basement of Wells Hall that are available? Julian reveals all in this week's Ask Julian.



Men know how to lose a girl in one day, but to find out "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," check the Buzz Friday to get the lowdown on this week's new release.

**Poll question:**  
What do you think student's views are toward foreign exchange students?  
39% - Generally positive  
37% - I am not fond of them  
16% - Neutral  
8% - Foreign guys get all the ladies

**This week's poll question:**  
What would it take for you to drive your car through a dorm?  
■ A million dollars  
■ You just lost a basketball game to Truman State  
■ A 1.9 blood alcohol level  
■ An astronomy test

# Lifelong journalist coaches young writers

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

When free-lance writing coach John Wicklein stepped onto campus Feb. 2, he gave Northwest journalists an opportunity possibly unparalleled by any other university in the country.

Wicklein, under contract with *The Washington Post*, is a writing, reporting and editing coach for various professional papers across the country. Not only that, but he has also worked for television stations throughout the country.

However, for four days, Wicklein spent time with Northwest's student publications, including *The Northwest Missourian* and *The Tower*.

Wicklein spent time with various journalists to discuss their published work while also conducting group sessions to critique the respective publications.

Wicklein said coaching writers is something he enjoys.

"The improvement of newspapers is really my crusade in life," Wicklein said. "This is what I want to do, and so coaching at newspapers is part of that... I like to see reporters improve their ability to report, and so, that's really part of the joy of working with reporters now."

Wicklein has been involved in journalism for 40 years and has writ-

ten for *The New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Columbian Journal Review* and *Australian Review* among other publications.

Wicklein has reported from all over the world, including Sweden, England, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Brazil, Poland and Australia.

While in Australia, Wicklein researched the restrictions on press freedom, and it was at that point when he decided he wanted to try something else.

"After that, I had enjoyed working with professional journalists so much in the Kiplinger Program (at Ohio State University) that I thought that I would like to work as a writing, reporting and editing coach at professional newspapers as an independent," Wicklein said.

Wicklein has been doing exactly that for nine years. He has gone to various universities throughout the country, but this past week was the first time he had done one-on-one conferences with student journalists. Before coming to Maryville, he was in Ames, Iowa, for four days critiquing the Iowa State University paper.

Journalism professor Laura Widmer said she met Wicklein at a convention in Washington, D.C.

"He did a session on coaching and I was so impressed with his style and



Clark Grell, Missouriian sports editor, talks with John Wicklein, free-lance writing coach. Wicklein visited the newsroom to share his professional advice. Wicklein has been in journalism for 40 years and has written for *The New York Times* and *Atlantic Monthly*.

his soothing, calming approach that I thought, 'What a great opportunity it would be to bring him to us,'" Widmer said.

Wicklein said the most interesting job he ever had was when he was covering the civil rights movement as a writer at *The New York Times*. He also said covering the John F. Kennedy election was an interesting experience.

Despite all of the stories he has

written and all of the traveling he has done, he said he enjoys talking to journalists more than anything.

"What I like most about coaching is the conversations I have with journalists," Wicklein said. "I've been with academia, I've been in television news, and I've been in print journalism, and I've had more fun in dealing with newspaper reporters. I think they are the most exciting people and the most in-

teresting people. I really enjoy the one-on-one (sessions) I have with them."

Wicklein will be back in the air again later this week as he heads to the Caribbean island of Antigua for a snorkeling trip. He will have to remember to wear earplugs, though, because he has swimmer's ear. However, the 85-year-old has not let anything stop him yet, and it is doubtful this will either.

## Northwest turns to black achievement

By GINNY FRANCIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Replacing the traditionally celebrated Black History Month, campus organizations united Monday to proclaim February as Black Achievement Month instead.

City Counselor Mike Thompson made the official proclamation for Maryville in the Student Union.

The Alliance of Black Collegians (ABC), the College of Education and Human Services and the International Intercultural Center designed February's events to focus on the achievements of blacks rather than their history.

"History usually recognizes popular activists like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Malcolm X," said Jesse Haynes, director of minority affairs. "We wanted to educate the community by focusing on current achievements of blacks in all communities, not just the pioneers."

Guest speakers for the month begin with Cheryl Brown-Henderson, daughter of Oliver Brown who won the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. the Board of Education. The decision resulted in the declaration that segregated classrooms were unequal, providing public education to black students.

Following Henderson is comedian Preacher Moss, an activist who speaks regularly about ways to stamp out racism. A soul food dinner sponsored by ABC will take place after his performance.

The education department will conclude February's speakers by honoring Carey Casey, who serves as senior vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, Mo.

A bus tour of Kansas City's black history is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13. The tour will showcase sites such as the American Jazz Museum, the Black Archives of Mid-America and the Negro Leagues of Baseball Museum.

Haynes said he would like to challenge the Northwest campus to become more involved not only through the month of February but through the entire year with more multicultural events.

To register for the Kansas City bus tour or for more information concerning the February event calendar, call Jesse Haynes at 562-1517.

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### A super contribution

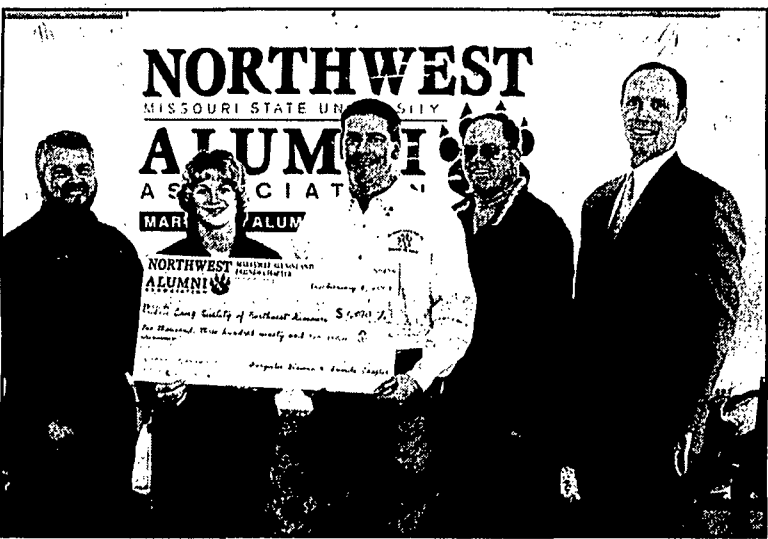


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The Maryville and Friends Alumni Chapter of the Northwest Missouri State University Alumni Association recently hosted a Super Bowl party to benefit Camp Quality of Northwest Missouri. The event raised \$1,390 for the non-profit organization.

## Annual Team Leadership Conference stays successful

By MICHELLE STACY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students from across the four-state area joined Northwest's Team Leadership for the organization's annual conference.

Overall, 156 students from six schools attended the conference held last weekend.

Brian Vanosdale, director of campus activities and Greek life, said the Team Leadership Conference gave student leaders a chance to share ideas and knowledge.

"It is a time when student leaders can all get together and network, interact, learn from and educate each other on a variety of topics," Vanosdale said.

Dan Ayala, one of the 14 mem-

bers of the board of directors for Team Leadership, liked the idea of having students from other schools.

"You realize the issues we face are the same ones everyone faces," he said.

However, the interaction was not the only time students learned.

Round-table discussions were held Friday. The round tables allowed students to get together and have an open discussion about a certain topic.

Keynote speaker Jon Hockman spoke about the trends of future leadership Friday evening. Hockman is the founder of the organization Dream Dare Do.

Saturday, students attended different sessions that included topics from running an effective meet-

ing to conflict management.

The fifth year conference saw a few changes this year. Vanosdale said there was a wider variety of topics from previous years.

Ayala said the conference had a larger number of attendants from the other years.

According to Vanosdale, the response from the conference was great.

"While looking through the evaluations, not one had a negative comment," he said.

Vanosdale said many of the participants told him they were looking forward to next year's conference.

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# War protesters gather for peace

By ALEXI GROOMOUTIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Anti-war demonstrators protesting the possible war in Iraq huddled against the brisk wind Thursday night as they tried to light candles.

Northwest students and community members assembled at the Tundra (the ground between the high rises) to hold a candlelight vigil for peace.

Demonstrators formed a circle and held up signs that read "No War In Iraq."

Organizer and Northwest student McKenna Pulsipher thought the community needed an outlet to draw support from one another and voice their concerns over the pending war in Iraq.

"I'm just trying to show support

and solidarity with the other people in the community that feel the same way as I do," said Jed Murr, president of the Northwest chapter of Amnesty International.

Several community members also gathered at the Tundra to take part in the anti-war demonstration.

"It's good to have an opportunity to be with other people who feel the same way," community member Lois Lindaman said.

Like the other protesters, Lindaman said she believes that war is not the answer.

"I think we need to give peace a chance," Lindaman said. "Why are we rushing into this vendetta that George Bush has?"

Pulsipher believes the media is partly to blame for passing inaccurate information onto the American public.

"The information going out to the residents of the United States is being misconstrued by the media," Pulsipher said. "We aren't being well informed of what's really going on."

Murr said that the United States does not have a logical reason to choose war.

"This war is irrational," Murr said. "There's no evidence that Saddam (Hussein) poses any serious threat to the United States."

Pulsipher, who also questioned Bush's tactics, said she believes President Bush is creating unnecessary trouble.

"I think Bush might instigate something and start something that was never really there," Pulsipher said. "Going after Saddam is ridiculous. World War III will destroy our country."



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Jed Murr and Matt Straub hand out anti-war fliers with information on individual protest ideas to Jen Seaman and Elizabeth Sexton during the candlelight vigil.

Pulsipher said if she had the chance to talk to President Bush, she would tell him that America needs peace right now, not war. "Fighting, killing, bloodshed

will not accomplish anything," Pulsipher said.

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## Local hospital anticipates renovations

By MARY BOSSUNG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Soon, things will be looking different at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services now that renovation and remodeling plans will soon be underway.

The plans include conversion of 30 semi-private rooms into single bed private rooms.

"I'm excited," said Cathy New, director of nursing and vice president of clinical services at St. Francis. "[This project] is long overdue. I think that the patients need more privacy."

The plans also encompass a nearly 200-foot, two-level tower addition on the hospital's south side. The upper level will include 26 private rooms for medical and surgical patients and a two-bed intensive care unit. The ground level will be the new home for up to 12 physicians from St. Francis Family Health Care. Upon completion, all St. Francis physicians will be located on the hospital campus.

Rita Miller, community relations and development manager, feels that private rooms are needed because of patient requests, privacy issues, regulations and to further prevent communicable diseases among patients.

"I am looking forward to it," said Miller, "I know that this is something that the public wants."

Parking lots and driveways for patients and employees are part of the project as well.

The total completion time for both projects will be approximately 18 to 20 months, and the hospital is expected to be complete by the end of 2004.

At this time it is still uncertain if St. Francis will need to hire new staff for the size increase.

Costs of the renovation and remodeling are going to be approximately \$6.9 million. St. Francis is a non-profit organization and the funding for the renovation and remodeling will come from various sources, including community fund-raisers it plans to hold later on.

A ground-breaking ceremony, which will provide detailed plans to the public, will be held in March on a date to be determined.



PHOTO BY JENNY LEWIS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Chamber of Commerce hopes to attract visitors to Maryville with a brochure advertising various historic sites including the Northwest Administration building.

## Chamber hopes to entice visitors with brochure

By ASHLEY RICKERSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Interested in taking a ride on the historical side? Then walk or drive the six-mile tour where Maryville's oldest sites are displayed.

The expedition, beginning and ending at the Nodaway County Courthouse, takes tourists through numerous mansions, Victorian-style homes, a one-room schoolhouse and many others.

The tour is outlined in the Historic Maryville brochure created by the Chamber

of Commerce with help from the Missouri Division of Tourism.

Fifty thousand copies of the brochure are being distributed outside a 50-mile radius of Maryville. The Nodaway County Historical Society printed additional copies for Maryville residents.

"The Historical Society has collections of objects about Nodaway County," Robin Johnson, a volunteer with the society said. "I got involved because my house is in the tour."

The brochure has a map of the tour route and a picture of each landmark. A

small paragraph of information is added to entice the visitor.

The landmarks range from the oldest home in Maryville, built in 1849, to the public library. The tour also features the Graham House named after Mary Graham, after whom Maryville is named.

Three landmarks are found on the Northwest campus. The Gaunt House and the Administration building, which has survived a tornado and a serious fire, are included. The third landmark is the Arboretum, which consists of over 100 species of trees that can be found on the campus.

## Stressful situations bring locals into the hands of business owner

By MARY BOSSUNG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the community enters the last stretch of winter, some Nodaway County residents have found a way to combat the Jack Frost blues.

Local business owner Mary Lyons has been helping the community reduce stress and overcome its effects for more than four years with her business Healing Therapies.

Since 1998, she has been providing services that include 90-minute massages for \$40 or \$35 for students. She also provides nutrition

guidance and energy healing through a technique known as Reiki for a \$20 donation.

Reiki is a laying-on of hands technique that is thought to be thousands of years old. It is a system for channeling energy to someone for the purpose of healing. Reiki is a method for stress reduction and relaxation that allows a way to improve health and enhance the quality of life.

Although Lyons is the sole em-

ployee of Healing Therapies, over past years the small business has been steadily growing. Lyons feels that people are becoming more

open minded, as increasing amounts of people seek her services. She has seen a variety of clients who

are members of the community, including students who want relaxing massages or nutritional information.

"I love my job," stated Lyons, "I

am also a registered nurse and I have worked in a variety of health care settings. This is by far my favorite. It is very rewarding knowing that I am helping people and that I can see their results and how they are progressing."

Lyons also feels that people want to eat healthy, but they find it difficult because of their busy and hurried lifestyles.

"I try to teach people how to sort through a variety of wrong information and encourage them to eat natural foods," said Lyons.

For more information or try the services provided by Healing Therapies, contact Mary Lyons at (660) 582-5809 for an appointment.

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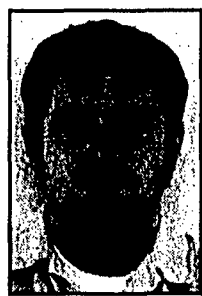
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## Columnist responds to reader's comments

Dear Letter Writer,  
Thank you for taking the time to write about my column. Receiving both positive and negative responses from readers has been one of the most gratifying parts of writing this column. Unfortunately, my detractors almost never offer any serious critique of my arguments. Their letters are usually insubstantial diatribes against whatever enemy they think I represent.

This week, I've decided to write a response to your letter (which was printed last week) so that I can address the few serious issues you raise and offer some tips to help all the angry letter writers out there to make their critiques a little more thoughtful and worthwhile.

Your sarcasm and condescension are entertaining, as is your failure to make a coherent argument. Hopefully, this will help you to change that.

Tip one: Check your facts. It's important to check up on significant details. That way you won't ask questions like "How in the world could Donald Rumsfeld visit Iraq?" If you had taken the time to look, you would have noticed that Rumsfeld was President Reagan's envoy to the Middle East when he visited our buddy Saddam on December 20, 1983. The meeting went well. Rumsfeld told *The New York Times* that "[Saddam] made it clear that Iraq was not interested in making mischief." In March, Rumsfeld was back in Baghdad on the day that United Press International reported Iraq's use of "[m]ustard gas laced with a nerve agent" against Iran, which the State Department had already confirmed. Rumsfeld, who made way for sales of chemical and biological agents to Hussein, never mentioned the atrocities.

Tip two: Don't just repeat the pieties of the big news networks. Although it has become popular to say, as you do, this is "weapons inspectors were expelled from Iraq" in 1998, that is patently false. As the *Washington Post* correctly reported (along with everyone else) in December of 1998, Chief Inspector Richard Butler "ordered his inspectors to evacuate Baghdad" right before U.S.-British air strikes.

The air strikes were ordered in response to Iraq's failure to cooperate with the inspectors whom they accused of being infiltrated by U.S. spies. In this case, Iraq's claims were true: U.S. spies undermined the inspections as they "infiltrated agents and espionage equipment for three years into U.N. arms control teams in Iraq to eavesdrop on the Iraqi military without the knowledge of the U.N." (*Washington Post*, March 2, 1999).

Tip three: Read more than headlines. I know it's tough to find time to read more than *USA Today* headlines, but a few seconds looking at elementary details would help you avoid wasting print space on the "20 chemical warheads" found in Iraq. The rockets are empty metal tubes in a well-known and often inspected storage facility. When operational, they have a range of approximately four miles, which doesn't quite make them a threat to rest of the world. As I said in my column, the inspectors "haven't found so much as an ounce of chemical weaponry" in the rockets or elsewhere. That certainly doesn't mean inspections should stop, but it also doesn't mean we should start killing people.

Tip four: Be consistent. You're perfectly correct that laws must be followed or "the body that issues them becomes superfluous." If your proposed response to violations of U.N. resolutions is to take over the country in violation, then I'm sure you are in favor of taking over Israel, Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, Algeria and many other U.S. allies, not to mention the U.S. itself for consistently violating international law. Of course, the founding doctrine of international law forbids that, so maybe we should find other means.

Tip five: Avoid logical fallacies. I'm sure it was fun to rant against "pathetic" old hippies on the "psychedelic VW bus," but that has nothing to do with anything in my column. That's known as the "straw man" fallacy—when you misrepresent or distort another's position and then attack it—and I'm not sure what you were attempting, but it was funny nonetheless. Seriously though, the most remarkable part about the worldwide opposition to this war is that it's exactly the opposite of what you say it is. In the United States, just a glance at photographs of protests all over the country or a look at the 57 (and counting) cities that have passed antiwar resolutions demonstrate that this movement is not just full of the usual suspects.

Other than you accusing me, sans justification, of appeasing a dictator, my favorite part of your letter is the last paragraph where you write, "It's nice to see young people take an interest in world affairs," and then offer to buy me a ticket to die as a human shield. Well, as absurd as that is, it's nice to see not-so-young people pretending to take an interest in world affairs. Now, by your own bizarre logic, I should recommend you for infantry duty, but this is serious: the people proposing this war have given no reasonable justification for you, me or thousands of Iraqi civilians dying, and, if that happens, we share the responsibility. Sincerely, Jed Murr.

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## Our View

# Honoring unsung heroes

The Columbia space shuttle tragedy serves as a reminder of astronauts' forgotten dedication and bravery

On Jan. 31, the big news was President George Bush's visit with Tony Blair, British prime minister, to discuss military action on Iraq. Unnoticed by many, a group of astronauts were on their 16th day in space.

But on Feb. 1, the space program was catapulted into America's view as the Columbia space shuttle exploded during its descent at 8 a.m. CST.

The tragedy occurred 17 years and three days after the Challenger shuttle exploded shortly after takeoff. For people that remember the tragic day in 1986, the accident in 2003 may have been eerily similar.

Both days were clear, sunny and excellent for space travel. Yet, somehow, something went wrong. Did the belly of the aircraft overheat? Was it a damaged wing? Were the spacecraft and crew fully prepared? All are questions that were asked on both occasions, but nobody knows the answers.

What we do know is that the astronauts were not risking their lives as a publicity stunt, they were not given a multi-million dollar contract, and they were not forced to board a spacecraft knowing they might not return.

Instead, they did it because they loved their jobs, and they were good at what they did. They left everything they had here on earth for the daunting task of finding out what is going on in the galaxy. They all left family and loved ones to go to work for a 17-day experiment, one that was deemed a success before the morning of Feb. 1.

As NASA waited to congratulate them on a great mission, everything came to a screeching halt. While people were getting up in the Midwest and still sleeping on the West Coast, headlines streamed across television stations, Web sites, and on the radio. Nobody knew what was going on mainly because nobody knew that there were seven people in outer space.

Shuttle missions have long been taken for granted in the United States and throughout

the world. The idea of going into space has become a mockery here and throughout the world mainly because celebrities think they can go into outer space for a pocket full of cash. People fail to realize just how hard and how sophisticated space missions are.

The seven astronauts not only were knowledgeable, but they were experts in their field. They were the deans of chemical engineering. On top of their qualifications, they had a desire and a will to succeed.

Nobody can begin to guess what they were thinking at 7:45 a.m. CST. Were they thinking about what they were going to do with their families? Were they talking about possible vacation sites this summer? Or were they discussing what the weather was like in the Florida area?

That is a question that may remain unanswered, but as we discuss the future of space aviation, be sure to take the time to honor the men and women of the Columbia mission.

## Letter to the Editor

# Longtime reader challenges columnist to look deeper into free trade issues

Dear Jed,  
I've been a long-time reader of your columns but have not been propelled to write until now. The subject that you wrote upon in your last column (Jan. 30) is complex, and I applaud your efforts to explain it.

Although I respect your opinion, I must counter that living in Texas and seeing the benefits of free trade firsthand such as in the exchange of goods and services over the U.S.-Mexican border, it is actually in the minority of how most Americans view economics and globalization.

First of all, casting the World Economic Forum (WEF) as a type of clandestine operation that shapes the decisions and actions of the entire world population is misleading and an aberration of its role and function. Your argument that its objective is to exploit workers' rights sounds like a page out of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels' Communist Manifesto.

To counter the WEF you use the example of the World Social Forum (WSF). I find it interesting that they use the word "social" in their nomenclature. Your defense of WSF's platform sounds good in theory, but in practice, the organization is politicizing the issues (a classic Marxist method). The propaganda that it disseminates is dressed up to be palatable to the politically naive or vulnerable. It is ironic that you lambaste the WEF for striving for goals that the WSF purportedly wants to achieve but just through its own socialist methods.

Using the Chinese seamstress as an example is a very good point of how economics and glo-

balization works. Although you implied the worker in question is employed in deplorable surroundings, what you fail to realize is that free trade and the introduction of capitalization in China has lifted more people out of poverty faster than in any other time in human history. I believe that qualifies as a life-changing event on a massive scale.

Also, because of Deng Xiaoping's immortalized words "To get rich is glorious," China's population has experienced a mass exodus from its interior to coastal regions where work is available.

These workers are then able to make more money than they have ever made in their life and send some of their earnings to their families and loved ones that were left behind in the villages.

If you are referring to agreements such as the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, or even the Free Trade Area of the Americas (an agreement currently being negotiated to create a trade zone for the entire Western Hemisphere by next year or the year after), Congress has to vote to ratify these agreements. If your point is to censure deviating opinions on this subject and to promote only one voice, then I understand.

The sad little fact is that labor unions, which stress workers' rights, are adamantly opposed to free trade and strenuously work to keep jobs from going overseas. But the jobs that go to other

countries are low income and the type that most Americans wouldn't take because their skill level surpasses the job requirements. The good news is that since membership to unions has steadily declined in recent decades, their influence in such matters as free trade is minimal. That is good news for American workers who strive to learn new skills to get better jobs and increase productivity, and it is good news for people like the Chinese seamstress mentioned above that passionately hunger for these opportunities. Seems as if multinationals are more interested in promoting and ensuring human rights than the labor unions you champion.

Your cries of class warfare in the U.S. are classically outdated as well. Granted, there are people that subscribe to a victimization mentality or have their own motives and agendas to promote, but the argument against the "haves" falls on deaf

## Your View

How do you feel about the Columbia space shuttle tragedy and America's space program?



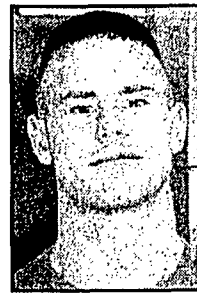
"They should analyze the problem, determine what's wrong, fix it and move on ahead with the space program as soon as possible."

Richard Felton  
ASSOCIATE  
PROFESSOR OF  
GEOLOGY



"This was a horrible tragedy. Although we should grieve for those brave souls that were lost, but pick up the pieces and proceed with our space exploration."

Rachael Collins  
GEOLOGY



"It's a horrible tragedy that should be mourned by all. We should definitely continue the space program because it provides endless amounts of research and data."

Seth Reimers  
WILDLIFE  
ECOLOGY  
CONSERVATION



"I feel this was a very sad tragedy, and the space program and Americans should learn what happened and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Jennie Gibbons  
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"What's with the insane and structurally independent pillars in the third stall of the Union bathroom? I find myself compelled to use them every time I'm there."



JEREMY GALLOWAY '02  
DALLAS, TX



## Calendar of Events

<b>Thurs. 6th</b> ■ <b>GED, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall 120</b> <b>■ Distinguished Lecture: Erin Gruwell, 8 p.m., performing arts center</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>	<b>Mon. 10th</b> ■ <b>Who's Who Reception, 7 p.m., Student Union Ballroom</b> <b>■ Nominations for student employees due, 5 p.m., Office of Human Resources</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>
<b>Fri. 7th</b> ■ <b>GED, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall 120</b> <b>■ Freshmen Seminar Peer Advisor applications due N Catholic School Week</b> <b>■ Lion Tamer's Anonymous, Laura Street Baptist Church</b>	<b>Tues. 11th</b> ■ <b>Catholic School Week</b>
<b>Sat. 8th</b> ■ <b>ACT, 8 a.m., third floor Colden Hall</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>	<b>Wed. 12th</b> ■ <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> <b>■ Study Abroad Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., second floor of Student Union</b> <b>■ VITA, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 3400 Colden Hall</b> <b>■ Submit change forms of major, minor or advisor, Registrar's Office</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>
<b>Sun. 9th</b> ■ <b>Baseball winter clinic, pitching and catching</b> <b>■ Pound Party, 6:30 p.m., The Hangar</b> <b>■ Baseball Clinic, Hitting and defense, Maryville High School</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>	<b>Thurs. 12th</b> ■ <b>Computer Science</b> <b>Olympiad</b> <b>■ Tour of Kansas City Black History Show Case, 9 a.m. Union parking lot</b> <b>■ Catholic School Week</b>

## News in Brief

### Teacher of the Year to speak to Northwest students

Erin Gruwell, two-time California Teacher of the Year, will visit Northwest as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at 8 p.m., Feb. 6, in the Performing Arts Center.

She inspired her students, many written off by the system, to reach new heights and use the power of education to write a book, graduate from high school and attend college. Gruwell's published book is "Freedom Writers' Diary — How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them."

"Erin has been an inspiration and touched many lives," said Bryan VanOsdale, director of campus activities. "I think her message is important to us since Northwest was founded as a teachers' college and to this day produces many educators in the four-state area. She shows us that teachers have the power to transform and change lives."

Gruwell also founded the Tolerance Education Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to teaching tolerance and funding college scholarships to underprivileged students. Jersey Films and Universal Studios are currently developing her inspiring story into a major motion picture.

She has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Good Morning America" and "Prime Time Live" and has received the Spirit of Anne Frank Award, the American Jewish Committee Micah Award and the Harvard Radcliffe Association Educator Award.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

### Annual Pass the Pride Day returns to Northwest

The second annual Pass the Pride Day, a recruitment event at Northwest Missouri State University sponsored by the Offices of Admissions and Alumni Relations, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8.

The event, which brought more than 100 alumni, prospective students and their families to the Northwest campus last year, will kick off its festivities with registration beginning at 10 a.m. at the Alumni House.

"There was a great turnout last year," said Jeremy Waldeier, associate director of admissions. "This year we are hoping to meet the attendance of last year's inaugural event."

Activities will include a campus tour, lunch and a student panel that will answer questions about campus life. Those in attendance will also receive tickets to the Northwest men's and women's basketball games against Missouri Southern State College that afternoon.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (660) 562-1562.

### Last chance to nominate employees approaches

Nominations for Student Employee of the Year must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, to the Office of Human Resources. Winners will be announced at the recognition reception during National Student Employment Week. The reception will be Wednesday, April 16. For more information, contact Paula McLain, coordinator of student employment, at (660) 562-1140.

### Northwest organization to sponsor date auction

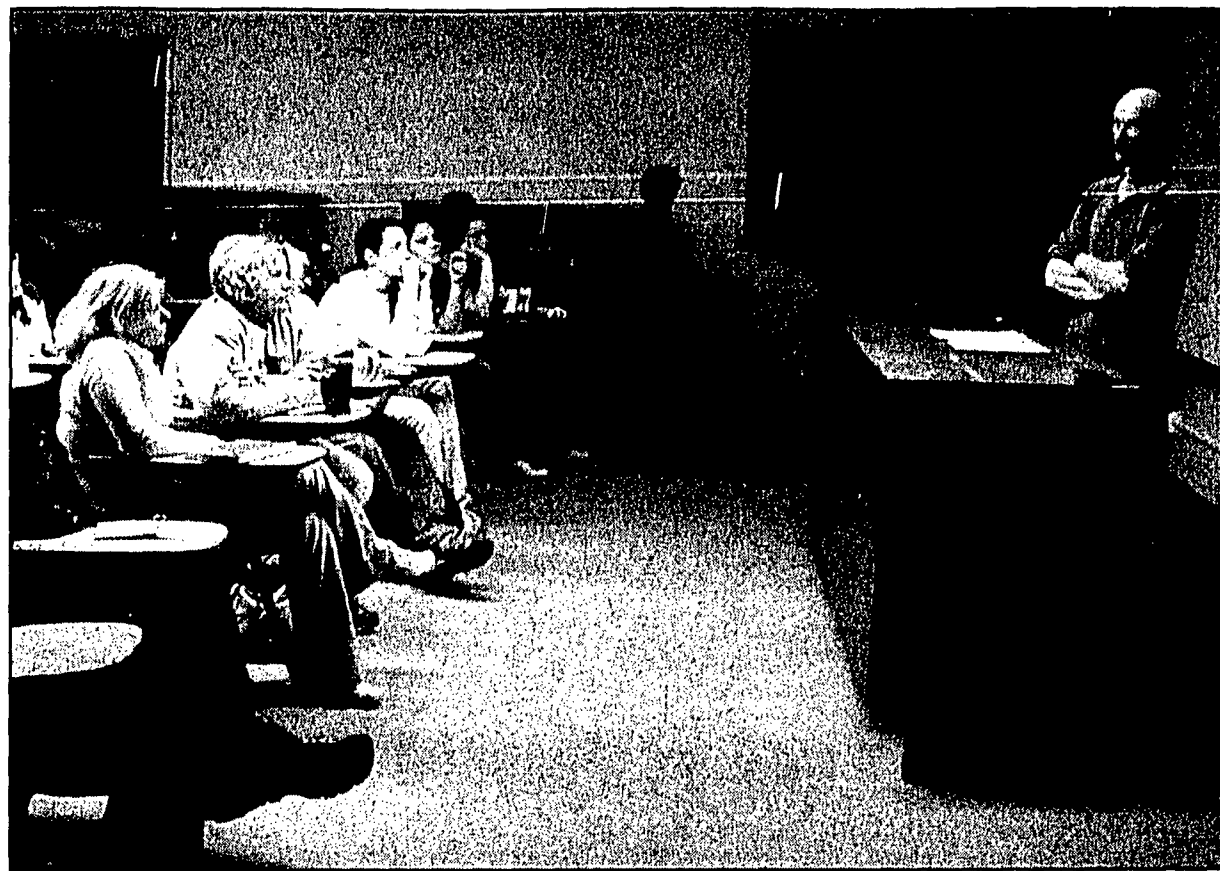
If you are searching for the perfect Valentine's date, look no further than the American Marketing Association's date auction beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Among the Bearcat athletes featured in the auction are members of the football, basketball, tennis and track teams. Also joining the lineup are several Bearcat Steppers and Northwest mascot Bobby Bearcat.

AMA members hope the event will increase interest in the organization, help fund upcoming events and raise awareness of the needs at the New Nodaway Humane Society (NNHS).

"AMA is a wonderful tool for students interested in a marketing-related field," said Jessica Miesner, AMA president. "The auction is a great opportunity for students to learn more about our organization and to help the community."

Admission to the event is \$1 or a pet food donation. Bidding for participants will begin at \$1, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to NNHS.



Lecturing to Northwest art students Monday at the Fine Arts Building, artist Michael Smith touched on how to incorporate creativity with art when creating ceramic works. Smith's exhibit will be on display and open to the public from Feb. 3-21 in the Olive DeLuca Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building.

### Humane Society plays host to fundraiser dinner

The new Nodaway Humane Society will host a pound party dinner and auction Sunday evening at the Hangar Dinner theatre in Maryville.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 with dinner and the auction to follow. Among the auction items are professional pet portraits, hotel reservations, champagne, and pet supplies. Reservations for the event benefiting the planned new animal shelter can be made by calling Chanda Funston at 562-4125.

Dinner at \$25 per plate includes a choice prime rib, chicken or vegetarian plate.

### Red Cross issues final report on fund distribution

The American Red Cross has received the final report from Sen. George J. Mitchell, independent overseer of the American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund, detailing the progress made over the past year in carrying out the Liberty Disaster Relief Distribution Plan that was released one year ago.

In December 2001, Mitchell agreed to serve in a volunteer capacity to oversee the development and implementation of a plan to spend the balance of the donations in the Liberty Fund in a manner that best meets the ongoing and long-term needs of those affected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

In developing the plan, Mitchell sought out input from the families directly affected, donors, other charities and Red Cross workers with long-term experience assisting in the aftermath of disasters. The plan was unveiled Jan. 31, 2002, and Mitchell has issued a series of reports every three months detailing Red Cross's progress to ensure that implementation of the plan is fully transparent and accountable.

Millions of donors from the United States and around the world gave just over \$1 billion to the Liberty Fund in an unparalleled show of care and concern. The remaining balance of the fund will be used in accordance with the distribution Plan primarily to provide additional financial assistance and long-term services, including mental health care, to those directly affected.

### Maryville optimist club sponsors oratorical contest

The Maryville Optimist Club will be hosting the Oratorical Contest at the Nodaway County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at Maryville schools and surrounding community schools have been invited to participate in the contest. This year's topic is "United We Stand in Optimism." Participation is for youth 16 years of age or younger on or before Jan. 1, 2003.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 300 block of South Buchanan. Upon arrival, Cassandra L. Sabara, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ Keri A. Fairchild, 22, Jefferson City, was traveling south on Main Street. Matthew G. Strueby, 21, Hopkins, was stopped at the stop sign attempting to travel east on Fifth Street. The Strueby vehicle struck the Fairchild vehicle. Strueby was issued a summons for failure to yield right of way from a stop sign.

■ Jennifer M. Young, 19, Maryville, and Jacob C. Rolph, 21, Maryville, were traveling north in the 300 block of North Main. The Rolph vehicle was slowing for a stoplight. The Young vehicle struck the Rolph vehicle.

Jan. 25  
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged the emergency lights at his property in the 300 block of South Main.

■ Officers received a report of individuals attempting to enter a vehicle parked in the 300 block of East 8th Street. Two male juveniles were referred to the Juvenile Office. Robert T. Bodle, 17, Maryville, was issued a summons for conspiracy.

Jan. 26  
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had recovered a black CD case and CDs from the 400 block of South Market.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was receiving harassing phone calls at her residence in the 1200 block of West Crestview.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted in the 900 block of East Second.

Jan. 27  
■ An officer received a report from a business in the 900 block of South Main that someone had taken a trailer from their business.

■ While on patrol in the 1400 block of North College Avenue, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the posted speed limit. Matthew B. Smith, 23, Maryville, was issued summonses for exceeding the posted speed limit and open container in a vehicle.

Jan. 28  
■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Lori A. Etter, Clarinda, Iowa, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ Officers received a 911 hang-up call from a residence in the 500 block of West Torrance. The case is being referred to the Juvenile Office.

■ Lucas C. Forney, 23, Maryville, was stopped in traffic in the 700 block of South Main northbound. Lori A. Steiner, 40, Maryville, was northbound in the 700 block of South Main. The Steiner vehicle struck the Forney vehicle. Steiner was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving by striking a vehicle in the rear.

Jan. 29  
■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Teresa D. Howard, 21, Skidmore, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for failure to appear and transported to the Nodaway County Jail where she is being held in lieu of bond.

■ James S. McMullen, Bellevue, Neb., was parked in a parking lot in the 500 block of North Fillmore. An unknown vehicle struck the McMullen vehicle, then left the scene.

■ Carrie M. Euker, Maryville, was parked in a parking lot in the 1600 block of South Main. An unknown vehicle struck the Euker vehicle, then left the scene.

Jan. 30  
■ An officer served a Maryville Mu-

nicipal warrant on Chad R. Carter, 22, Camden, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and transported to the Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

■ Officers responded to a peace disturbance in the 400 block of North Charles. Upon arrival, Kirk E. Swank, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ Cerri J. Bownes, 31, Maryville, and Michael R. Yanks, 59, Maryville, were traveling east on West South Ave. The Bownes vehicle then struck the Yanks vehicle. Bownes was issued a summons for no financial responsibility.

Jan. 31  
■ Officers received a report of a fight in the 300 block of North Market. Upon arrival, Daniel R. Weeks, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ Officers conducted an alcohol compliance check in the 300 block of North Market. Rachael L. Wellek, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession of intoxicants.

■ An officer served a Gentry County warrant on Heather R. McGee, 21, Maryville. She was transported to the Nodaway County Sheriff's Office where she is being held for Gentry County.

■ Garvin L. Williams, 52, Maryville, was traveling east on Highway 46. The Williams vehicle slid on the ice, struck a ditch and then overturned.

■ Melissa A. Cowell, 20, Alexandria, Md., was stopped at a stop sign at 16th and Main streets. Steven Q. Daniels, 41, Maryville, was traveling south on North Main. Cowell attempted to turn onto North Main. The Cowell vehicle struck the Daniels vehicle. Cowell was issued a summons for fail to yield from stop.

Feb. 1  
■ Officers received a report of a male individual attempting to leave a business in the 300 block of North Market with property that did not belong to him. Bruce E. Woodward, 46, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ Officers received a report of a fight at 7th and Main streets. Upon arrival, an officer observed a male individual leaving the area. The individual was located in the 100 block of North Main. Robert J. Thurman, 24, Mount Ayr, Iowa, was issued summonses for resisting or interfering with arrest and possession of 35 grams or less marijuana.

■ Brian J. Sanley, 20, Maryville, was backing out of a private drive in the 300 block of South Vine, when his vehicle struck the parked vehicle of Jillian R. Bryson, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

■ Virginia Warchime, Maryville, was parked in the 300 block of South Mulberry. An unknown vehicle struck the Warchime vehicle, then left the scene.

■ While following up on another call in the 100 block of West Seventh, an officer arrested Edward Shane Sullins, 25, Maryville, for assault on a law enforcement officer.

Feb. 2  
■ While assisting individuals on another call in the 500 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a male individual tampering with a patrol vehicle. Zachary J. Ingles, 20, Maryville, was issued summonses for failure to comply and resisting arrest.

## BIRTHS

### Carlee Brandell Donahoo

Michael and Heather Donahoo, Rosendale, Mo., are the parents of Carlee Brandell, born Jan. 29 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and joins three sisters, Shelby, Becky and Jahnni.

Her maternal grandparents are Pam and Chuck Clifton, Helena, Mo., and Ray Vaughn, Stockton, Cal. Paternal grandparents are Shelby and Karen Donahoo, Rea, Mo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Fran Perkins and the late Maj. John T. Perkins, St. Joseph. Paternal great-grandparents are Keith and Melva Clifton, Helena, Mo., and Norman and Rose Vaughn, Maysville, Mo.

### Blake Richard Rasnic

Brandon Rasnic and Kristin Ashworth, Fillmore, Mo., are the parents of Blake Richard, born Jan. 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Rex and Janet Wolfe, Bolckow, Mo., and Melvin Ashworth, Rea, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Shawn and Vickie Oliver, Fillmore, and the late Steven Rasnic.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Leland and Darlene White and the late Oral and Lena Ashworth. Paternal great-grandparents are Richard and Imogene Caywood, Fillmore and Russell (Jim) Rasnic and the late Carol Rasnic.

### Madeleine Emilie Kibler

Jackie and Stephen Kibler, Maryville, are the parents of Madeleine Emilie, born Jan. 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Marge and Clint Roseberry, St. Joseph. Paternal grandparents are Sue and the late Robert Kibler, Prairie Village, Kan.

### Wesley Allan May

Audrey May, Maryville, is the mother of Wesley Allan, born Jan. 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Glenda Scoville and Joseph May, Jefferson City, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Joanne and Vernon Scoville, Stover, Mo.

## DEATHS

### Robert Joseph Brown

Robert Joseph Brown, 25, Maryville, died Saturday, Feb. 1, in Maryville.

He was born April 21, 1977 to Robert and Bridget Brown in Maryville.

He is survived by his mother, Bridget Brown, Maryville; one sister, Dr. Julie Brown, Mission, Kan.; two aunts, two uncles and several cousins.

Services were Feb. 5 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery, Maryville.

### Georgia B. Ulmer

Georgia B. Ulmer, 91, Maryville, died Sunday, Jan. 26, at Beverly Healthcare in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 24, 1911 to Loren and Grace Reed in Harrisonville, Mo.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Robert Parker, Jefferson, Iowa; a son, Ray and his wife Yvonne, Trenton, Mo.; two sisters, Ruth Morrow, Maryville, and Lorayne Ulmer and her husband Ronald, Maryville; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Robert Paul Seipel

Robert Paul Seipel, 54, died Monday, Jan. 27, in Maryville.

He was born Feb. 28, 1948, to Paul and Virginia Seipel in Maryville.

He is survived by one son, Steven, and his wife, Neneth; one daughter and her husband, Lori and Jeremy Blake; his father, Paul Seipel, four sisters, Judy Tibbets, Betty Wilmes, Kathy Wallace and Billie Jo Seipel; one granddaughter, Aurora Blake; and a special friend, Frances Hahn.

Services were Jan. 31 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at the Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

### Betty J. Hitchcock

Betty J. Hitchcock, 74, Skidmore, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

She was born Feb. 16, 1928 to Johnney and Thelma Barnett in Worth County, Mo.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; two brothers, Don and Glenn; two sisters, Marilyn Harvill and Kathryn Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 25 at Skidmore Christian Church, Skidmore. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery.

# Winter weather results in increased accidents

Treacherous black ice is named culprit for 26 wrecks last week in Nodaway County

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
CHIEF REPORTER

Nodaway County residents woke up to a deceiving drive on Jan. 31 as they ventured out onto roads with black ice.

The Nodaway County Sheriff's Office reported 18 car wrecks, but police officers and the Missouri Highway Patrol found many more.

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey said there were a total of 26 accidents between 5:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Friday. All of the accidents occurred on rural roads except for two in Maryville.

Espey said he had six officers working wrecks as well as four highway patrolmen.

"We worked accidents from one end of the county to the other and from one side of the county to the other," Espey said.

A culprit of many vehicle mishaps, black ice is formed when ground moisture meets cold air to create frost.

Maryville Public Safety director Keith Wood said black ice coats the roads though they look fairly normal.

"They call it black ice because you can't see it," Espey said. "From the naked eye, you don't see that it is slick."

Ambulance crews as well as rescue

squads were operating Friday morning. The Nodaway County Sheriff's Office as well as Maryville Public Safety and Missouri Highway Patrol reported two minor injury accidents. Other injury accidents were not as serious, but Espey said the waiting room in St. Francis Hospital was full of patients that were either being x-rayed or examined.

Espey said he saw cars wrecked, upside down and people pinned inside their cars until extrication units came. Most of these were one-vehicle accidents.

However, the 25 crashes in two hours on Friday morning set a record in Espey's law enforcement career.

"I have worked in law enforcement for 18 years, and (Friday) set a record," Espey said.

When it comes to situations like black ice, Espey said he is frustrated by drivers who travel on ice at 60 mph while passing other vehicles.

"People do not realize they need to slow down," Espey said. "It's people's inattention that causes accidents."

However, Northwest student Dan Ayers was not careless on the morning of Feb. 1. Ayers said he was traveling on Highway 71, five miles north of Savannah, when he hit a patch of black ice. Ayers tried to correct the sliding of his car three times, but, on the third time, he ended up in a ditch.

"I hit the brakes and started a catastrophe of events," Ayers said. "I didn't mean to over-correct, but I panicked."

Ayers rolled his Ford F-150, but be-



Maryville employees prepare salt trucks to clear the icy roadways Wednesday. Keeping the roads clear during the winter months helps to keep roadway conditions safe for drivers unaccustomed to the potential dangers of ice and snow. Local law enforcement officials encourage drivers to decrease their speed and test the ice in order to prevent weather-related accidents.

cause of a seatbelt he was able to walk away. Even though Ayers survived the accident, he received 12 staples in his head.

"This is a classic case," Ayers said. "By wearing my seatbelt, I walked away, but if I hadn't, I would probably be dead."

Wood said drivers probably thought they were being careful given they didn't realize it was slick.

Wood also said people often make the mistake of either accelerating or braking quickly after noticing the roads are slick.

"On the ice, you want those movements to be gradual," Wood said. "Ice doesn't like sudden moves."

Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt. Sheldon Lyon tells drivers not to let their foot off the accelerator and not to brake if they think they are going to lose control. Instead, he advises drivers to steer the car the direction they want to go or to steer into the skid of the road.

Espey said if drivers suspect ice, they need to accelerate a little harder than normal or, before stopping, apply the brakes a little harder to see if the car's

tires slip. Most importantly, Espey advises drivers not to check the ice at full speed because a loss of control could occur.

Espey also encourages drivers to observe others and the speed they are going.

"Be extra careful, give yourself more time to go to and from somewhere, and don't be in a hurry," Espey said. "Above all, if you are a good driver, watch out for the other person."

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## Local mechanics encourage seasonal car maintenance

By ASHLEY RICKERSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With winter weather making repeated appearances, Maryville residents need to prepare their cars for cold conditions.

Statistically, more people die in winter storms and cold weather than in tornadoes, hurricanes or lightning storms.

Winter preparation and planning for the driving season can make the difference between a minor inconvenience and a dangerous situation.

"Just make sure all four tires have the right air pressure," Alex Beatty said. Beatty works for Parson's Tire and recommended snow tires for the winter. "They are the same price as regular tires."

Beatty suggested allowing your vehicle to warm up for five minutes before you drive it.

"A car can be compared to a cold person not wanting to get going or run until it's warmed up."

Marshall Shell, owner of Shell's Amoco, also suggested making sure your battery is in good condition. In the last several weeks and a half Shell has towed in a many of cars with battery failures.

An informal Web site told customers to remember to keep a scraper handy and an extra car key for unexpected lockouts.

Allowing extra time is also important during the winter. "Drive about five miles an hour slower," Shell said. "Test the streets and highways to see if they are slick. Remember bridges are slicker than regular roads."

# Faculty Senate discusses financial future of University, programs

Republican party's newest budget plan offers ray of hope for administration

By KARA SWINK  
WEB LIAISON

After months of discussion, the Missouri budget dilemma was once again the topic of conversation at the Faculty Senate meeting

Wednesday afternoon.

During the provost's report, Taylor Barnes said that, although the budget continues to look bleak, there may be light at the end of the tunnel for this year.

Barnes reported that the Republican party has offered a budget plan that covers the \$350 million debt that Missouri is facing.

The plan includes using \$100 million of tobacco securitization, cutting \$85 million in operations and equipment, de-

laying pay of \$50 million in legal judgments, carrying over \$84.5 million if lapsed funds and withholding \$30.5 million for the construction of the University of Missouri-Kansas City pharmacy building.

"I very much believe there will be a breakthrough for this year," Barnes said.

Barnes also reported that he submitted the Senate's academic dishonesty proposal to the Dean's Council and department chairs for their review. Before sending it onto the Board of Regents, Barnes said he

wants to make sure faculty are aware the University has a policy on academic dishonesty and that they follow the policy.

In other reports, Faculty Senate President Gregory Haddock discussed his visit to Jefferson City where he and Vice President Mike Wilson attended the 10th annual Missouri Association of Faculty Senate meeting.

While in Jefferson City, Haddock and Wilson discussed Northwest's budget situation with legislators and senators.

"The trip was a good opportunity to visit with legislators," Haddock said. "Sen. David Klindt understands the situation at Northwest and hopes we aren't hurt."

At the end of his report, Haddock told the senators that compared to other universities, Northwest's administration has kept faculty aware of the current budget situation.

"I'm glad we have communication with the administration," Haddock said. "Our communication is the best I've seen compared

to other colleges or universities.

The Senate also challenged two curriculum proposals, approved two new courses, approved a change in a course name and approved a course title.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3:15 p.m., March 5, in the Academic Hub Shared Conference Room, 253 Administration building.

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BUDGET from 1A

## Colleges deal with budget crunch

Scanlon went further and categorized the rumors as "idle speculation."

David Arnold, vice president for academic and student affairs, believes that while the statements that were made will not hurt enrollment this year, they could possibly cause enrollment to drop next year.

"I don't think that current students are worried about the situation because we have explained to them what is happening," Arnold said. "The ones that are worried are the prospective students hearing the rumors."

Others at Missouri Western are confident they will not be closed next year either.

"We at Missouri Western are sure that we will be open next year," director of admissions Kristy Hill said. "It is unfortunate that those statements are causing doubt in the minds of many students and parents."

Missouri Western and Missouri Southern are not the first institutions that have faced this type of proposal. Last year at this time, rumors starting that the University of Missouri-Rolla could be closed started to surface.

Even though the two colleges will not be eliminated, representatives from both schools recognize the future budget cut possibilities.

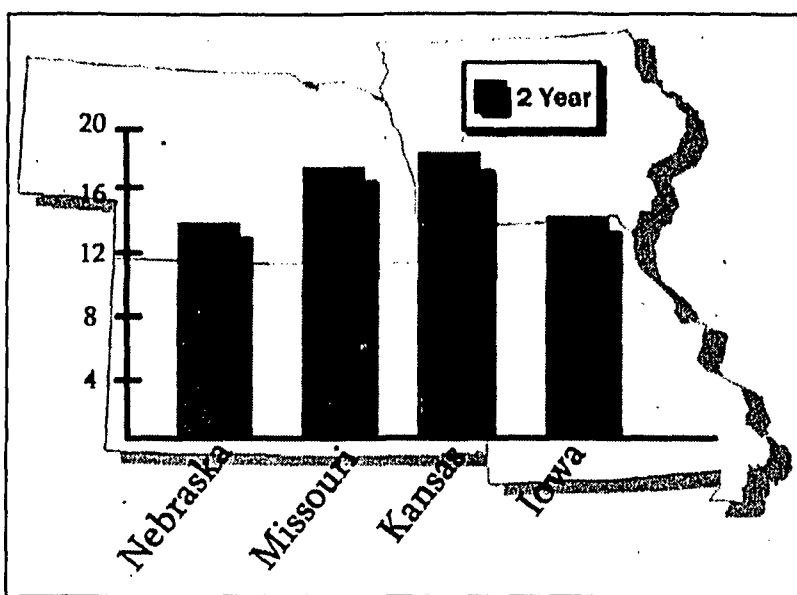
Both schools would face a \$1.9 million cut if the Tax Securitization Plan does not get passed. Last week Gov. Bob Holden released a budget cut proposal that would cut money across the state at all levels of education.

The proposal hinges on the securitization plan which would prevent budget cuts for the rest of the 2003 fiscal year. The securitization plan must be passed by the state legislature before it can be carried out.

In addition to the possible cut this year, both schools are recovering from the 10 percent cut from last year.

At Missouri Southern, Martin said the school has made several adjustments.

"We made a tuition increase of



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pretty good size after last year," Martin said. "We try to establish our reserves so we won't be cut short. We cut back on travel and defer maintenance. Do you refill positions as they retire or leave? You have to make a lot of choices."

Southern President Julio Leon said the college will have trouble if there are any more cuts.

"We don't have any reserves," Leon said. "We used all of those last year. We were hoping to build up reserves this year, but it won't happen now."

Despite the fact that Southern does not have any reserves in the case of a cut, Leon said he had to make decisions about the budget.

"We kind of expected something like this to happen," Leon said. "We did not budget certain things from the state this year."

While the potential budget cuts would drastically damage Missouri

Southern, Missouri Western is ready for the potential loss of funds.

"It would hurt all of the four year institutions in the state," Arnold said. "We have been prepared for this situation, but it will affect things that we can do with our library and computing capabilities."

Even though Missouri Southern and Missouri Western may be in different situations, there are some similarities. Besides the fact that both schools will receive the same cut if the

securitization plan does not pass, they also get the same amount of money from the state.

Martin said both schools receive \$4,700 per student, on average.

"I think we're doing quite well," Martin said. "In terms of efficiency, Western and Southern are the least expensive. Bigger schools like MU get about \$10,000, so we're pretty efficient."

*"(The statement) doesn't have any credibility," Martin said.*

*"That was one person talking to the University of Missouri-Columbia alumni. I haven't heard anybody else talk about that. It doesn't have any legs to it."*

LARRY MARTIN  
ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT AT MSSC

BROWN from 1A

## Peacemaker loved to educate people

"Rob has given so much to our community, to the scout troop and to third-world communities," he said. "Rob's life was short in years, but his caring was in multitude."

Greg Bonnett, a longtime friend of Brown's said that Brown's kindhearted and caring nature was what resulted in nearly instant popularity no matter where he went.

"He was known as 'The Moldovan Magnet' because, no matter where he went, people flocked to him," Bonnett said. "When he came back, we called him 'The Maryville Magnet,' because the same thing went on here. He cared so much about everyone."

Upon his return to Maryville in the fall 2002, Brown was appointed regional response planner for the

Nodaway County Health Center. With the administrative position, Brown oversaw the efforts of eight northwest Missouri counties in preparing response plans in the event of a bioterrorist attack. At the time of his death, he planned to attend graduate school to obtain a master's degree in peace studies and conflict resolution. In the meantime, Brown continued to make an impact on friends old and new, including Northwest student Nathan Brooks, who met Brown only shortly before his death. Nevertheless, he was impacted by the spirit and caring nature of the man.

"The love, the passion, the peacemaker that he is are all things that I want to be," Brooks said.

While those who filled St. Gregory's Tuesday evening mourned

the loss of a passionate leader who was seemingly irreplaceable, nearly all agreed that his spirit will live on through continuing his example of courage, actions and a desire to never stop learning.

"I would be a completely different human being had I not had the chance to see what I had seen," Brown wrote. "It is education that will counteract ignorance and generate fire in the hearts of people, to open themselves to possibilities beyond their experience or imagination."

Memorial contributions in Brown's memory may be made to the Robert Brown Memorial Scholarship, Northwest Foundation and the Moldova account, c/o Bank Midwest, to benefit those he served in Moldova.

DEGREE from 1A

## Northwest offers online master's degree for GIS

of distribution, and so we have gotten e-mails from people around the country inquiring about the program."

Many county and city governments have people that are working in the GIS area, Drews said. People that work in parks or mining companies are also common jobs that can benefit from the GIS degree.

Other schools will model their online programs after Northwest, Drews said.

"I think there will certainly be other universities that are very interested to see how things go for us," Drews said. "There are a number of other universities that have some online courses, and they offer online certificate programs."

In the education department, there are also developments of online degree programs. However, unlike the GIS degree, the master's degrees in education in teaching and learning; elementary education, are going to be available in the summer trimester.

The 33-hour program is a collaborative program with Southeast Missouri State University and Lincoln University. Students can go through any of the schools to receive the degree.

Darla Runyon, assistant director and curriculum specialist, said it is will benefit many different people.

"It fits perfect for the online environment because the teachers are teaching right now," Runyon said. "It will be convenient for them because they can keep their jobs."

Students have to take 12 core hours before taking classes in reading, science, and mathematics. The cost for the degree program is \$250 per credit hour for residents and \$350 for non-residents.

The master's in special education is different than the master's in education in the fact that some classes are strictly in-class courses. Not only that, but some classes are available through instructional television. This will allow students to receive the class lecture from

class sites such as St. Joseph and Chillicothe.

Overall, Runyon said the blended approach can work too.

"The reason we use (instructional television) is so people do not have to drive all the way to Maryville," Runyon said. "You fit the delivery with the content, and you use different approaches. The summer is when a lot of people will get enrolled, and that's a good time for teachers."

Roger Von Holzen, director of the Center for Information Technology in Education, said online degrees will become popular.

"It's a new market, and it gives them more strength," Von Holzen said. "I think it will be great, once the word gets out."

Von Holzen also said it will allow people to take classes if they have other commitments.

"It will allow more people that have a stricter schedule to take classes," Von Holzen said. "If they're coaching or if they're working, they can still take classes."

EXPLOSION from 1A

## NASA to improve space shuttle

Smeltzer was not surprised to learn that the absence of a simple tile could have been the sole reason the shuttle went down.

"Each piece of the shuttle plays a very important function," Smeltzer said. "These tiles are able to dissipate the heat of re-entry. I've seen samples of the stuff. It's light-weight, durable and pretty amazing stuff. Without it problems could definitely arise."

Space exploration is continually being improved by various researchers around the country, including two professors at the University of Missouri-Rolla. William Fahrenholtz and Greg Ilmas are presently working with ultra-high temperature ceramics to use as tiles on future space shuttles.

"One of the applications for these materials is as part of the thermal protection systems for future reusable launch vehicles, including the advanced designs that NASA may select to replace the current space shuttle," Fahrenholtz said. "The materials we are investigating represent

a revolutionary change in technology. The vehicles that would use our materials would be as different from the space shuttle as it was from the Apollo space capsules that preceded it."

Improving upon space exploration will only be achieved if it continues to thrive, Smeltzer said.

"The loss of life was a tragedy," Smeltzer said. "But that is no reason to suspend the system. We need to continue on in order to discover the real reason for the problem."

Smeltzer believes the real problem began when people lost interest in space exploration.

Although the only space explorations that are highly publicized are the ones that contain problems or death, ordinary science experiments in space are just as exciting, Smeltzer said.

"Overall human nature forces us to have a built in desire to know about our surroundings," Smeltzer said. "Space is just an extension of human nature. We need to weigh the risks and then undertake them."



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Columbia astronaut Ilan Ramon works out before the crew's voyage into space to conduct scientific experiments. Ramon was Israel's first astronaut.

CRASH from 1A

## Student to face disciplinary committee

the structure before anything else was done in order to make sure that the residents' safety was not in jeopardy," Mitzi Lutz, vice president of human relations, said.

McKinzie Pendleton, Phillips Hall resident, shared her concern.

"A loud crash woke me up," Pendleton said. "I looked out my window and saw flashing lights from a vehicle sticking out of the building. My first concern was whether or not the structure of the building was in trouble."

After the structure was confirmed to be safe, Oster was removed from his vehicle and placed under arrest.

"The police went up to his window and pounded on it yelling, 'Open up,'" Pendleton said. "They got him out of the car and administered him a sobriety test, and then, he was off in hand cuffs in the police car."

After Oster's sobriety test proved he was over the legal limit, he was taken to the Nodaway County jail where he spent his 12-hour mandatory detoxification period.

"It wasn't until while I was in jail that I realized what I'd done," Oster said. "I realized that I would be facing a D.W.I., but when my friend called and told me I'd ran into Phillips, this was the first I'd heard of it."

Oster now faces both criminal and administration sanctions. Administration sanctions vary from a conduct warning, paying restitution or expulsion from school. If required to pay restitution, Oster could be facing up to \$15,000 for damage to the building.

"The student will first meet with me," Carol Cowles, judicial officer said. "The student will answer questions and identify the charges they've been given."

A student/faculty committee will then decide Oster's future with the school.

Sanctions given by the student/faculty committee will have no affect on the criminal court decision Oster also faces.

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# Learning the lingo of love

## February's International Flirting Week accompanies Valentine's Day

By MONICA CALDWELL  
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Roy Anderson speaks with Angela Padilla at Lucky's Bar. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were popular for socializing with new people.

Although its origin is unknown, International Flirting Week gives people a chance to precede Valentine's Day celebrations.

Running from Feb. 9 to 15 each year, Flirting Week is an officially acknowledged although little-known holiday worldwide.

While it is overshadowed by Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 and less promoted than Sweetest Day on the third Sunday of every October, Flirting Week has caught on with online greeting sites.

But what is there to know about flirting?

It is a more respected art than some people think. According to the Social Issues Research Center, psychologists have argued that it is the human version of a courtship dance and that even career achievements are based on the ability to charm.

However, sexuality.org says it is important to consider when flirting is appropriate. For instance, hitting on a widow at her husband's funeral or a new groom at his wedding reception generally will not yield good results.

Aside from timing etiquette, reading body language could make or break the situation. Translation is the key to making sure what looks like a green light really is a green light.

Example: If the person you are with is staring over your shoulder with their arms crossed while answering your questions with grunts, it could be a signal to either change tactics or try someone else.

So what works? "I just look at them a lot," said Patrick Rice, graduate student of biology. "Eye contact and smiling."

AcmeLove.com offers suggestions for perfecting the art of flirting.

For women, tips include separation from friends, carrying or wearing something eye-catching, asking open-ended questions and making the first move.

For men, refraining from making the rounds on a group of women who came together, concentrating on the conversation, respecting personal space and giving genuine compliments instead of one-liners is advised.

The site also suggests generous smiling, extensive eye contact and laughter at even the worst of jokes. Initially, it is also important to get caught looking at the—well—target.

What to avoid: treating your interest as someone who has hurt you before and leaving for the bathroom every few minutes to check your appearance.

In addition, opening with something like "If I could rearrange the alphabet, I would put U and I together" is generally not as effective as a simple hello.

"The worst thing a girl could say to me is 'My ex-boyfriend is driving me crazy... Want to dance?'" said Justin Heinen, special education major.

But when that is the case, he handles it easily.

"I always say 'I just don't want to be in a relationship right now,'" he said.

What it all comes down to is the right place at the right time with the right words and technique. With a little practice, almost everyone can fine-tune talent for the start of International Flirting Week.

## Hearing what hasn't been said: body language interpreted

■ **Lip Pout:** In courtship, men and women may unwittingly evert their lips in a pouty look to signal harmlessness and availability.

■ **Head Tilt:** May be used to show coyness.

■ **Arm Cross:** With arms and elbows pulled tightly into the body, the gesture may reveal acute nervousness or chronic anxiety. Held less tightly against the chest with elbows elevated and projecting outward, the arm cross presents a

guard-like stance, suggestive of arrogance, disliking, or disagreement.

■ **Blush:** Elicited by social stimuli as one becomes the focus of attention.

■ **Eye Contact:** Gazing at another's eyes arouses strong emotions. Thus, eye contact rarely lasts longer than three seconds before one or both viewers experience a powerful urge to glance away. Breaking eye contact lowers stress levels.

■ **Cut Off:** Turning the face fully to one side for an extended period of time may reveal shyness or disliking.

■ **Lip Tense:** Lip and jaw tension clearly reflects anxious feelings, nervousness, and emotional concerns. Thus a tense mouth precisely marks the onset of a mood shift, a novel thought or a sudden change of heart.

■ **Open-palmed Talking:** A sign of listening and an invitation of

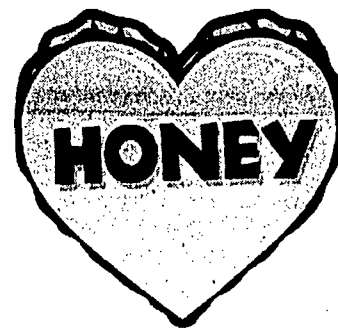
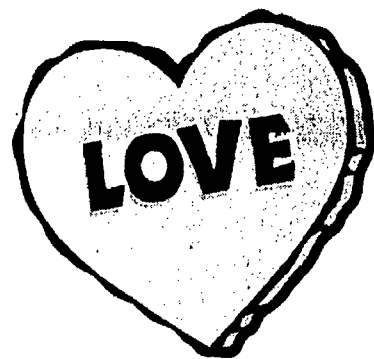
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■ **Hair Touching:** Indicates a desire for contact.

■ **Hand Twisting:** A sign of complexity and a difficult emotional life.

■ **Leg cross:** Towards someone conveys interest, away from someone conveys disinterest.

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### Athletic program at St. Francis Hospital aims to help athletes regain, increase form

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest offensive lineman Nick Tones's worst nightmare as a football player came true last August.

The red-shirt freshman did enough damage to his knee to keep him out of football until next fall. On a hot August day, during pre-season drills, he dislocated his kneecap and tore his ACL among other things.

A knee injury of that sort would keep many athletes from returning to top form.

However, Tones is scheduled to be in better shape than before the injury because of the sports acceleration program offered to him and hundreds of area athletes at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

"The training staff at Northwest wanted me to do it because of my knee injury," Tones said. "Hopefully, it will push me beyond my injury and help me get faster."

The program is aimed at improving an athlete's speed, power, vertical jump, quickness and recovery rate.

"We've had really good success with athletes coming back

from injury," said Doug Lenners, who heads the program at St. Francis. "They are getting their speed back to what it was before the injury or even better."

However, the program is not only for athletes recovering from injury, but also for those wanting to improve their athletic ability.

The six to eight-week program is simple yet intense.

It involves a treadmill that can reach a maximum speed of 28 mph. The treadmill will also incline at a forty-degree angle, making it a difficult training technique.

Tones will make 16 to 28 trips to the treadmill at every session, each trip lasting between seven and 10 seconds.

"It's the hardest training I've ever done," Tones said. "But I've only been doing this for two weeks, and I've already seen improvements. I still got six weeks to go."

The program can be found in over one hundred cities, towns and universities across the United States and Canada.

Professional teams such as the Carolina Panthers involve players in the program. Ohio State

University has their own sports acceleration program as well.

The sports acceleration program at St. Francis is in its second year. It started with 42 participants in the summer of 2001. By this summer, more than 200 athletes will take part in the program.

For the crew at St. Francis hospital, it is still a young program.

"I wasn't so familiar with it when we got the program," Lenners said. "I saw the promotional videos and the equipment, so I had an idea."

The up-and-coming program has seen its share of athletes from Maryville and Missouri Western State College.

With the program comes bragging rights to those that can exceed their potential on the treadmill.

Adam Zeisel, a wide receiver at Missouri Western, holds the record for the men at St. Francis, maxing out at 23 miles per hour.

Former Northwest track star, April House, holds the record on the women's side, maxing out at 19.5 miles per hour.

The only known athlete in the world to have reached the maximum of 28 miles per hour is the Minnesota Viking's Randy Moss.

The program has made impacts in every sport. Twelve athletes that took home gold or silver medals at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City were involved with the sports acceleration program.

"It's a new concept," Lenners said. "It's not a conditioning program. It's a neuromuscular training program. We are training their bodies to move faster and it is something different for a lot of the coaches."

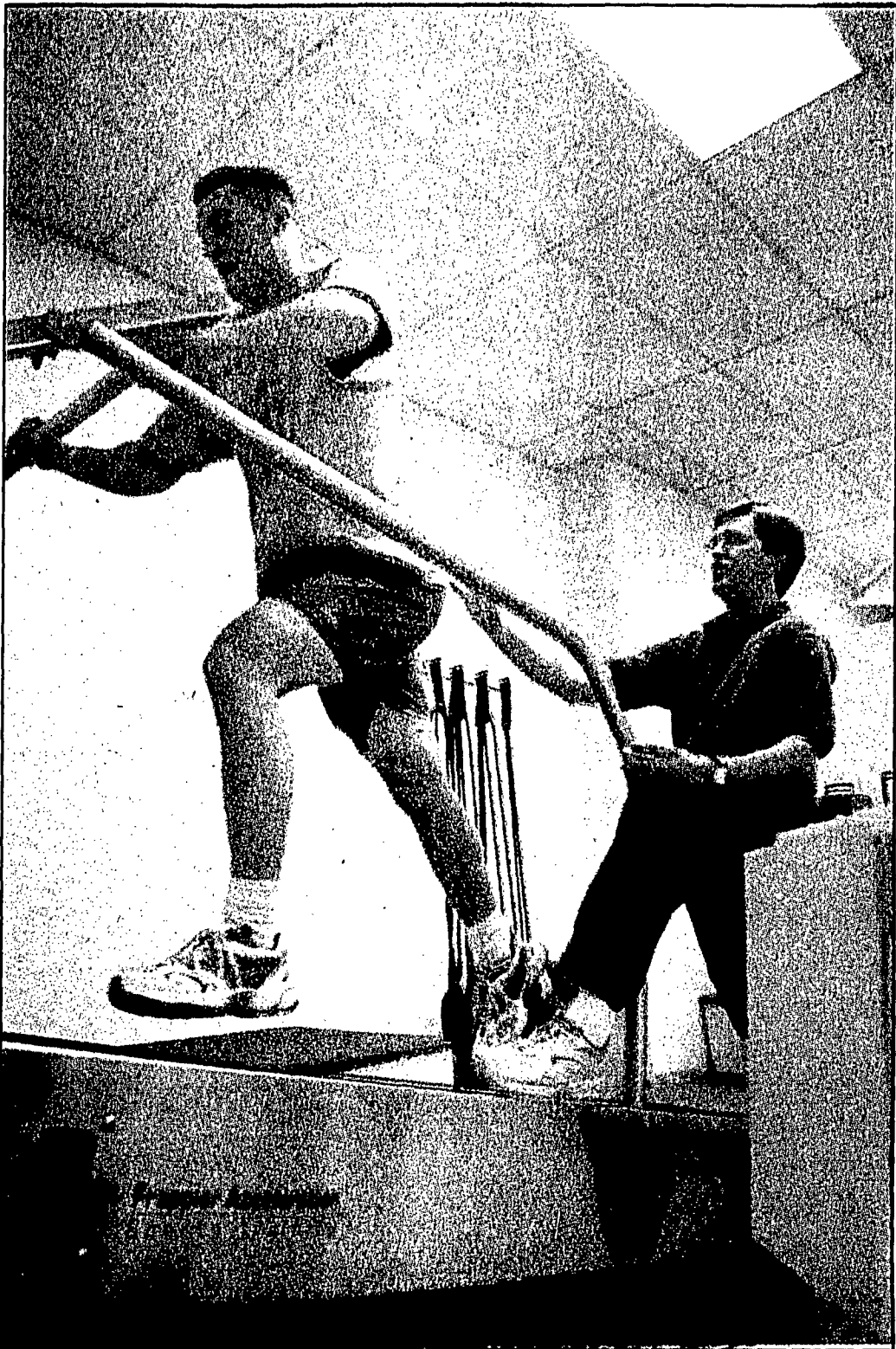
Lenners said the athletes find the program exciting, but if there is one concept of the program the athletes dread, it is the treadmill's incline.

"Usually by the time they are done, they hate the incline more than anything else," Lenners said.

The speed of the treadmill is one thing, but the incline adds a new dimension to the exercise.

For Tones and the other athletes, it is about getting back to the best of their athletic ability. For Lenners and the rest of the St. Francis staff, it is about helping athletes reach their goal and taking pride in it.

"To me, the most enjoyable thing is having fun with them," Lenners said.



Northwest football player Heath Finch (on treadmill) is one of many Northwest athletes taking part in the sports acceleration program at St. Francis Hospital. The eight-week program is aimed at increasing an athlete's ability in their sport.

### Women basketball players take advantage of acceleration program

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The sports acceleration program has its believers, including women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer.

"I endorse it," Steinmeyer said. "I don't tell the team they need it, but I think it's a great thing."

Two members of the women's basketball team have already taken part in the pro-

gram in junior Brook Hogue and sophomore Dana Lade.

Hogue was encouraged to go through the eight-week program after knee surgery, following the 2001-2002 season.

"The doctor recommended that I look into (the program)," Hogue said. "I definitely didn't know what I was getting into before I went into it, but my knee was 100 hundred times better when I finished the pro-

gram."

Steinmeyer also noticed the difference in Hogue's athletic abilities following last summer.

"When Brook came in last fall, she was noticeably faster, a lot more confident and noticeably stronger," he said.

Unlike Hogue, who was involved in the acceleration program to recover from an injury, Lade took up sports acceleration to improve her athletic ability.

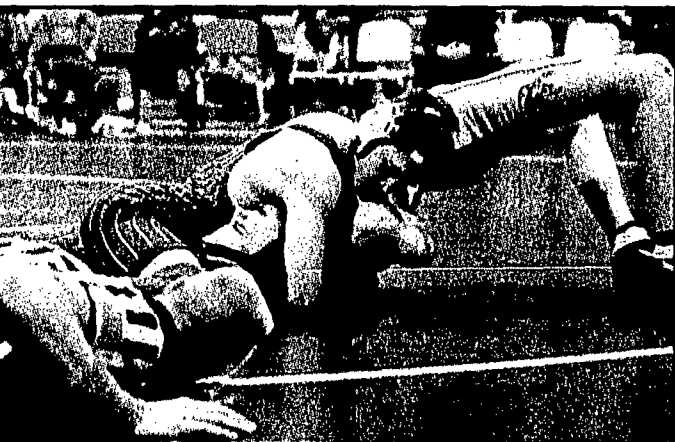
The Maryville native was one of the first 46 participants in the program in the summer of 2001.

"It was a way to get me in shape and increase my feet speed," Lade said. "I thought it helped a lot."

Like Hogue, Lade did not know much about the program before taking part in it.

"It was challenging," she said. "But I really enjoyed doing it."

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Senior Derek Merrill gets ready to pin Smithville's Ryan Seabaugh Thursday in Maryville. It took just 21 seconds for Merrill to secure his 100th win as a Spoofhound.

### Senior gets 100th win, and he is still counting

Merrill needed little time to reach century mark as Spoofhound

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It may have only taken 21 seconds, but senior Derek Merrill's pin over Ryan Seabaugh marked a very important feat in Merrill's life.

"I never really thought about what my 100th win would be like," Merrill said, "but to win that fast wasn't what I expected at all."

The match at the 130-pound weight class saw Merrill throw Seabaugh to the mat and within seconds roll him to his back.

The rest was history for Merrill. "It's a real big milestone," Merrill said. "I think it helps me see how much hard work I've put into it."

Coach Joe Drake described Merrill as a leader.

"He is a quiet leader," Drake said. "He leads by example."

After the win, Merrill turned his focus to future matches.

"I want to continue winning through districts and sectionals," he said. "Then, I'll start thinking about being state champ."

Merrill's win last Thursday proved to be a crucial one as the 'Hounds were able to edge out Smithville 42-39. Maryville trailed in the team score 36-39, but freshman Dexter Partridge was able to get a pin to seal a Midland Empire Conference victory. (Please see "Wrestling" page 2B)

### Bearcats squeak by Bulldogs, 60-56

Fleming's free throws at the end clinch win

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Until Scott Fleming hit two free throws with 33 seconds remaining, it appeared Truman State was on their way to their second conference win.

However, Fleming's free throws gave the Bearcats a 60-54 lead, and they were able to hang on and win 60-56. The 79 percent free throw shooter ended the night 5-7 from the line.

Not long before the free throws, gave Northwest a scare when Bulldog Ryan Welker stole Fleming's pass and was on his way to a lay-up when he was whistled for traveling.



In the first half, Truman controlled the game and had leads as big as eight twice. Consecutive three-pointers by Fleming and Kelvin Parker closed the gap to two and Truman led 26-24 at halftime.

Truman's disciplined attack caused the 'Cats problems in their earlier loss and last night's win.

"They are a very disciplined team," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "They are the type of team that will bump you a time or two and cause you to come towards the ball at bad angles. After you get the ball then, you end up taking shots that you normally wouldn't take."

The Bulldog offense also showed signs of discipline run-

In depth: vs. Truman St.

	AT	
56	Score	60
31.3	Field goal pct.	34.8
24	3-point pct.	17
12	Total rebounds	13
	FT attempted	
	FT made	
	Turnovers	
	Bench scoring	

ning the 35-second clock near expiration several times.

With less than 13 minutes remaining in the game and Northwest trailing by two, senior forward Joel Yeldell once again came through with two three-pointers.

"I can usually tell in the first half whether they are going to come out and guard me on the three," Yeldell said. "Even if they guard me in the first half, they always end up sagging off in the second half. When they start to forget about me, I start to open up, and that's how I make my living. People forgetting about me."

Tappmeyer agreed with Yeldell on his outside shooting. "We are always happy when we can get him open on the outside," Tappmeyer said. "The three-pointer is his shot."

Leading the way for Northwest was Fleming with a game-high 18 points. Kelvin Parker scored 15 and led the team in rebounds with eight.

Parker, who also led the team with 19 points against Pittsburg State last Saturday, feels that



Junior guard Kelvin Parker goes up strong for two points against Pitt State's Cedric Brooks. Parker had 19 points to go along with his six steals and five assists.

both his and the team's game are improving.

"We are trying to put two halves together," Parker said. "Our defense is picking up, and

we have things going in the right direction."

On Saturday Northwest was able to come away with a 92-64 win against Pittsburg State.

### Tjeerdsma signs 20 players to letters of intent

Spoofhound standout becomes a Bearcat

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Another recruiting season is complete for Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma and his staff, and again, the season ended with a strong class across the board.

As of Wednesday evening, 20 student athletes had signed letters of intent to play football at Northwest. Tjeerdsma said he was expecting another player to sign, but personal matters delayed the player from signing by Wednesday afternoon.

"We filled everything we said we were our needs," Tjeerdsma said. "A lot of these kinds were recruited by a lot of people."

Wednesday morning, Derek Garrett signed his letter of intent to play at Northwest.

Garrett is the next in a long line of Spoofhounds who have played out their collegiate careers at Northwest.

Garrett said he is happy the recruiting process is completed. "It's definitely a big monkey off my (Please see "Signing day" page 2B)

Check out next week's issue for an in-depth look at Derek Garrett and his future as a Bearcat.

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#### Women's basketball

The Bearcats are hoping to make a run in the MIAA title race. Turn to page 2B to find out if the Bearcats were able to get past a road block named Truman State Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena.



#### Boys basketball

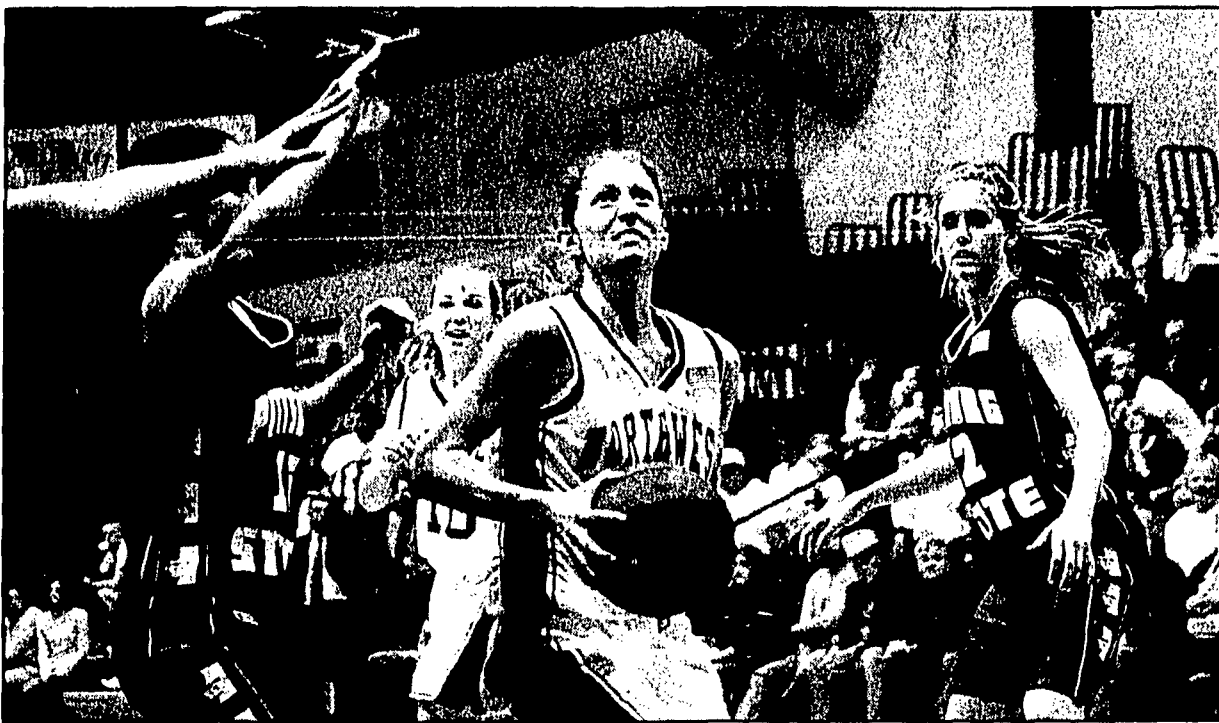
The 'Hounds went 2-1 over the last week. To find out who the 'Hounds defeated and who has been the hot shooter for the team in recent games, turn to page 3B.



#### Girls basketball

Maryville suffered a setback last Friday against Savannah. Turn to page 3B to find out how the 'Hounds are hoping to rebound this weekend.





Northwest junior Corey Van Dine makes her way between Pitt State defenders in the team's 71-69 win over the Gorillas Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Van Dine scored two points to help the team avenge an earlier-season loss to the Gorillas in Pittsburg, Kan.

## 'Cats are unable to hold off Bulldogs

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer warned of lack of emotion in the last two home wins for the Northwest Bearcats. But last night, no warnings could do as the Bearcats fell to the Truman State University Bulldogs 74-72.

"We weren't emotional at all," Steinmeyer said. "In basketball, you get in grooves, and we were in one where we had no emotion in the first half. Tonight, we came out flat and never got over it."

The first half saw Truman take a seven-point lead. Thanks to two three-pointers in the waning minutes of the half by junior Erica Hatterman, Northwest was able to tie the game at the half, 33-33.

In the second half, Northwest was able to jump out to a 50-43 lead with 12:31 left in the game with another of Hatterman's five three-pointers.

After Hatterman's three, the momentum took a turn in Truman's favor. Over the next five minutes, the Bulldogs put together a 15-2 run to take a six-point lead with seven minutes left.

Leading the way for the 'Cats was Hatterman with 18 points. Freshman Laura Friedrich added 15 and junior Tanesha Fields scored 10. Adri Tromp led the way for Truman with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

On the night, Northwest shot 37 three-pointers, while only connecting on 10 of them.

"I'm not really upset about our shot selection," Steinmeyer said. "I want the girls to be able to shoot when they are open and not pass up good looks. What I am upset about though is our offensive rebounding. If we are going to miss that many shots, we have to get some rebounds."

The leading rebounder for Northwest was Friedrich with seven rebounds all on the offensive end. Junior Jenna Wolfe added six boards.

"I was extra motivated coming in tonight," Friedrich said. "Watching on the

### In depth: vs. Truman State

	Score	
72	74	
35.1	Field goal pct.	43.5
27	3-point pct.	19
13	Off. rebounds	14
23	Def. rebounds	34
36	Total rebounds	48
12	FT attempted	22
10	FT made	16
14	Turnovers	20
13	Bench scoring	21

bench, I saw that we weren't getting any rebounds, so I made a special effort to go for the offensive rebound."

Up next for Northwest is an MIAA home matchup at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Missouri Southern State College.

## Long jumper aims for nationals

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest long jumper Jill Fisher is getting a few inches closer to nationals.

The senior from Sioux City, Iowa, finished in first place at the Dennis Young Invitational at Storm Lake, Iowa, Saturday with a leap of 18 feet, 2 inches.

She was only 2.25 inches away from provisionally qualifying for nationals.

"It was a good jump," Fisher said. "Even though the competition was not as good, it was still a good performance by everybody in the long jump."

Junior Gara Lacy finished in second place with a leap of 17 feet, 2 inches and freshman Ashley Nally jumped 16 feet, 9 inches to take third place.

Fisher's performance at the meet nipped the 18 feet, 1 inch mark which placed her eighth at the Iowa State University Open on Jan. 25.

Fisher has remained patient, despite not provisionally qualifying for nationals two weeks in a row.

"It's really frustrating," she said. "But at the same time, it's good to know I'm staying consistent in my jumping."

Fisher gets another chance Saturday at the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational, hosted by Missouri Southern State College in Joplin.

"She is jumping very consistently," said women's head coach Vicki Wooton. "I anticipate her to provisionally qualify real soon. It would be nice this weekend in a good facility."

Will Saturday be her ticket to nationals in Boston?

"That would be great," Fisher said. "It would take a lot of pressure off of me. It would be a great way to end my track career."

Fisher was one of four Bearcats to place first at Saturday's meet.

Senior Jenny Simmons took home first place and passed a school record with a

jump of 11 feet, 10 inches in the pole vault.

Freshman Alisha Samuel finished first in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.22 seconds, and junior Megan Bauman won the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, 3.25 inches.

Tiffany Zarling placed in two events at the meet, finishing third in the 400-meter dash and second in the 800-meter run.

Also on Saturday, the men competed against 13 schools at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan.

Sophomore Daniel McKim finished first in the shotput with a throw of 54 feet, 6.75 inches, and second in the weight throw with a mark of 56 feet, 6.5 inches.

Sophomore Clint Prange was not far behind McKim in the shotput. He finished second place in the event with a throw of 53 feet, 0.25 inches.

Sophomore Jamaica Rector took home second place in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 6.50 inches.

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### WRESTLING from 1B

## Merrill and 'Hounds place first at home tournament

On Saturday, the 'Hounds continued their winning ways by winning the Quad State Classic. Maryville finished the day with a team score of 151.50. Bedford, Iowa, was close behind with 146 points as was Smithville with 145.

Individually, the 'Hounds saw eight wrestlers place in the top three in their respective weight classes.

Three wrestlers came way with first place wins. Freshman Cody Gillenwater was able to earn a win over Justin Hendricks of Trenton by a score of 18-3. Merrill defeated Corey Edwards of Bedford 6-3. Senior Evan Durfey wrapped up the first place winners by pinning Jonathan Leachman in the 171-pound class.

Second place finishers included jun-

ior Joe Drake who fell in the championship match to Cale Griffin of Cameron. Junior Eric Wilmarth also was pinned by Roy Ford of Smithville.

Grapplers begin their road to state this weekend with the district tournament, at Maryville. The top four finishers in each class qualify for sectionals the following weekend.

## Talk of possible return to Arrowhead begins

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Clash of the Champions: The Sequel, may hit Arrowhead Stadium on Nov. 15.

Kansas City Chief officials have contacted Pittsburg State University about a possible return for the Gorillas and the Bearcats to Arrowhead Stadium.

"We are talking to Pitt State about it," said Dennis Watley, Kansas City Chiefs' senior vice president. "We are inquiring if there is any interest in their part."

Talks arose after a successful turnout for last year's game when 26,695 fans witnessed the Bearcats defeating the Gorillas, 29-7.

"The Chiefs were excited to have us there last year, and they love to host college football," Northwest athletic director Bob Boeriger said. "It does not surprise me that the Chiefs are talking to Pitt State about a possible return."

The idea for the first game came about in the spring of 2002 when Northwest officials looked to move the game from Rickenbrode Stadium, which is still undergoing renovation.

Last June, it was made official that Northwest and Pittsburg State would go head-to-head in the Clash of the Champions.

"Once it was announced, I had an idea it would be successful," Watley said. "There was a lot of interest. There was as much or maybe even more enthusiasm for the Northwest-Pittsburg State game as there



Northwest cornerback Daryl Ridley makes a tackle in the Clash of the Champions last season. Ridley, among other Bearcats, could be playing in Arrowhead Stadium again come November.

was for the Eddie Robinson Classic."

The Eddie Robinson Classic was a Division I college football game that was played at Arrowhead Stadium featuring Florida State University and Iowa State University last August. The game drew a crowd of 55,132.

If the game is to go through Arrowhead again, then fans will not have to worry about driving to Kansas City, Mo., on a Thursday night.

"If we are able to do it, we'd like to have

the game played on a Saturday," Watley said.

However, Bearcat fans should not get their hopes up just yet. The decision is in the hands of Pittsburg State, who is scheduled to play host to Northwest at Carnie Smith Stadium in November.

"It's Pitt State's turn to host a game," Boeriger said. "We are planning on playing at Pittsburg until we are told differently."

An announcement will be made immediately if another clash between Northwest and Pittsburg State at Arrowhead goes through.

### SIGNING DAY from 1B

## Coaches express satisfaction with 2003 recruiting class

back," he said. "I know I'm going to a good school."

One of the concerns for the coaching staff had, was filling the voids left on the offensive and defensive lines.

However, that is not a worry anymore.

Three offensive linemen were signed, highlighted by 6 foot, 3 inch, 290 pound Daniel Boyd from Rockhurst High in Kansas City, Mo. The Bearcats got four defensive linemen signed as well.

Wide receiver E.J. Falkner from Omaha Central High will come in as one of the fastest athletes on the team. He won a state championship in the 400-meter dash as a junior at Central.

The 'Cats stocked up in the tight end and linebacker positions, picking up three of each.

Running back Xavier Oman rejected a walk-on offer from Nebraska to attend Northwest.

### 2003 recruiting class

Daniel Boyd	OL	6-3	290	Kansas City, Mo.	Rockhurst High School
Bret Buckridge	LB	6-0	195	Lathrop, Mo.	Lathrop High School
Kenny Cook	CB	5-10	175	St. Louis	Hazelwood Central High School
Brett Clemens	OL	6-2	270	Kansas City, Mo.	Winnemouka High School
E.J. Falkner	WR	6-0	175	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Central High School
Dallas Flynn	DE	6-5	240	Blair, Neb.	Blair High School
Derek Garrett	DB	5-11	190	Maryville, Mo.	Maryville High School
Jon Gross	TE	6-5	230	Kearney, Mo.	Kearney High School
Travis Grosshans	LB	6-2	210	Plattsburgh, Neb.	Plattsburgh High School
Josh Hunter	DT	6-4	255	Lathrop, Mo.	Lathrop High School
Jake Jenkins	SS	6-3	185	Newton, Iowa	Newton High School
Max Lebaron	TE	6-7	255	New Mexico, N.M.	New Mexico Military Academy
Kyle Mack	TE	6-3	220	St. Louis	Luthern South High School
Josh Mathews	QB	6-3	190	St. Louis	Lafayette High School
Tyler Northway	DE	6-4	230	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit High School
Caleb Obert	WR	5-11	170	Behansy, Mo.	South Harrison High School
Xavier Oman	RB	6-0	195	Beatrice, Neb.	Beatrice High School
Tom Pestock	OL	6-6	260	Lenexa, Kan.	Shawnee Mission North High School
Galen Read-Hess	DL	6-3	270	Fairfield, Iowa	Fairfield High School
Marcus Smith	LB	6-3	225	Gillette, Wyo.	Campbell County High School

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What sport would you like Northwest to add?



"Wrestling. I love wrestling, and we need to have it."  
KATIE ZENOR  
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"Gymnastics. It's fun to watch."  
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DAN KRULL  
UNDECIDED

# Savages down Spoofhounds

By BRIAN JOHNSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Riding on the high of last week's overtime victory against Benton, the Maryville girls' basketball team stayed at home Friday to go against 15-3 Savannah.

It was a close game, but, in the end, the 'Hounds fell to Savannah 50-45.

The game was tied in the first period, but, in the second period, the 'Hounds were quickly down 11 points to the Lady Savages.

To add insult to injury, Maryville's team captains, Abby Walter and Coleen Bradley both had two fouls.

"The second quarter was the difference in the game," Randall Cook said. "With Walter and Bradley having two fouls, our offense struggled."

Even though the 'Hounds struggled offensively, they were only down to Savannah by six. Cook made a few adjustments at halftime.

"Offensively we wanted to be more patient," Cook said. "Defensively, we weren't rebounding, so, at halftime, that's what we mostly talked about."

With the adjustments at halftime, the 'Hounds scored 16 points in the third period, but they were still trailing Savannah by nine.

## Scoring by quarter

Savannah	9	15	19	7	50
Maryville	9	9	16	11	45

With Savannah's offense riding at high gear, Cook had his regrets about the defense configuration his team was running.

"If I could do it all over again, I would have come out of the 2-3 zone defense quicker," Cook said. "We were in it a few possessions too much."

In the fourth quarter, getting out of the 2-3 defense seemed to do the trick for the 'Hounds. They held Savannah to only seven points.

But it just did not seem like Maryville's day. Even though they had a good fourth quarter, the 'Hounds still fell to Savannah by five.

Even with the loss, Cook saw a lot of bright spots in this game.

"We played hard for the past week," Cook said. "The games against Benton and Savannah were our most consistent all year."

The 'Hounds took on Platte County Wednesday night, but results were not available at press time. The game was scheduled for Monday, but an ice storm set the game back two days.

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PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER  
'Hounds' senior Coleen Bradley goes up for a lay-up during practice Tuesday. Bradley and the 'Hounds play Smithville Thursday.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Three tracksters honored

Daniel McKim, Alisha Samuel and Jenny Simmons were all honored this week by the MIAA as track athletes of

the week. All three qualified provisionally for nationals.

McKim, a sophomore, won first place in the shot with a mark of 54 feet, 6.75 inches. The toss was two feet

better than his previous season best.

Samuel, a freshman, won the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.22 seconds.

Simmons, a senior, won the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, 10 inches.

## OUT OF BOUNDS

# Loss of conference schools could cause MIAA problems



By COLE YOUNG  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

An ugly rumor has been circulating in the MIAA the past few weeks, and, if its true, it could cause great angst among conference members.

There has been recent speculation that Western and Southern could lose their state status, dropping them down to community colleges.

The problem is it is really difficult to have a football conference with only eight teams. It would basically mean each team would be responsible for finding four non-conference games each year rather than the current two.

I can't really think of any schools within the current boundaries of the conference that would fill the void left by these two schools. The University of Kansas could join for football only, but they may lose interest the first season as they struggle to reach .500 in the MIAA.

Should the two schools close

down, another question would be what to do with all the leftover student athletes. It seems hardly fair that all three of the decent football players from Western would choose to join the Northwest squad.

Hopefully, things will work out, and these problems will be nonexistent. I think all Northwest students agree having a rival just 43 miles away is something special.

With rumors being the topic of discussion this week, it seems appropriate to continue with that and discuss the potential sequel of Clash of the Champions between Pittsburg State University and Northwest.

First off, I don't think that the attendance record will be broken again if the powers that be choose to play again on a Thursday night. However, Saturday could be a different story.

If the game is on the weekend, I think even more students will attend. Another thing that would make the game a little more attractive is if Northwest had a formidable opponent. I don't think anyone was expecting a 29-7 win when they shelled out the \$20 to go.

Pitt State may have reloaded, and they might be ready to put up a fight against the Bearcats, but if the game turns out to be another three-touchdown win, it will mark the end of the Clash as we know it.

# 'Hounds pick up win over Pirates in OT

By RYAN DELEHANT  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville boys' basketball team outscored Platte County 11-3 to win in overtime 54-46 Tuesday evening at Platte County High School.

"I am proud of our team," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "The team came together and showed great character in the overtime."

Senior David Akins led the 'Hounds in scoring with 25 points for the second straight game. Seven of Akins 25 points came in the overtime period. Platte County's Lorenzo Riley had 10 points in his

team's loss.

On Friday night, the 'Hounds defeated Benton High School, 64-44 in St. Joseph.

Once again, the 'Hounds were led by Akins with 25 points followed by sophomore guard Sydney Brisbane with 13 points. Martin Rucker was the leading scorer for Benton with 16 points.

On Thursday, the team suffered only their sixth loss of the season as they traveled to Auburn, Neb. Auburn used a 29-12 third quarter run to defeat the 'Hounds 70-57.

Brent Cole led Auburn with 24 points while grabbing 12 rebounds. Cole was followed by teammate Boo Wehenkel with 22 points.

## David Akins on fire

Jan. 31 - 25 points vs. Benton  
Feb. 4 - 25 points vs. Platte County

Akins led the 'Hounds in the loss with 19 points followed by senior Dylan Hurst with 14.

The 'Hounds are now 13-6 as they get ready for a game at 6:30 p.m. Friday against Smithville at Maryville High School.

"They (Smithville) are a very physical team," Kuwitzky said "they will be a good challenger."

The team travels to Chillicothe Tuesday to take on the Hornets.

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## FAN PLAN

Home games

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Missouri Southern 3:30 p.m.				Washburn 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Missouri Southern 1:30 p.m.				Washburn 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field			Missouri Southern 1:30 p.m.				
Maryville boys' basketball			Smithville 8 p.m.			Chillicothe 6:30 p.m.	
Maryville girls' basketball			Smithville 8 p.m.			Chillicothe 6:30 p.m.	
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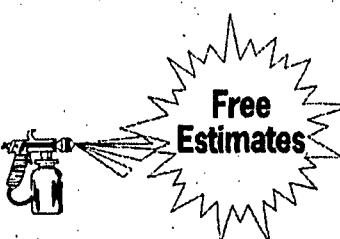
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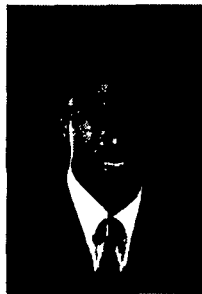
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Kelvin Parker

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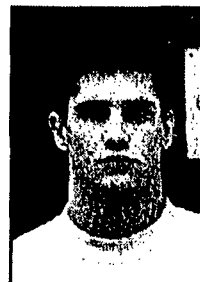
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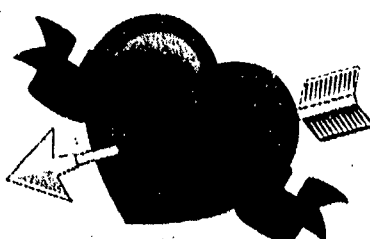
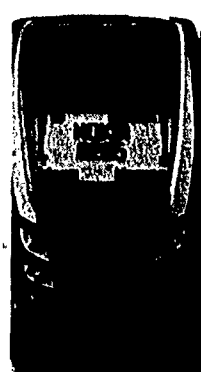
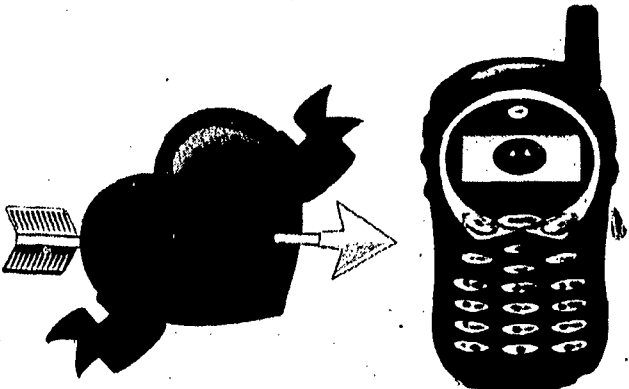
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Merrill placed first for the Hound grapplers Saturday in the Quad State in Maryville. The senior improved his season record to 25-1.



Derek Merrill



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# Stroller offers tips for drunks

First off, I'll try my damndest not to preach as I respect the fact we hear it enough from professors, advisers, parental units and the sick, sick voices in our heads. Besides, Your Man has long since been forcefully removed from the seminary. Sister Mary Katherine Josephine (insert additional generic nun name here) was just too tempting.

Aside from that, perhaps it's time for your beloved Stroller to actually find a point, make some sense and do some useful community service that's not court-ordered.

How will I do this? Why, it's simple, of course, by spreading the ridicule where we all know it's long since overdue.

Sure, Your Man will gladly admit I was also half in the bag last Saturday when I was informed of the new, uh, renovations to Phillips Hall thanks to the considerate driver of an oversized sport utility vehicle who gave a whole new meaning to the term "drive-thru."

I didn't believe it at first, but after checking it out the following morning, much to my twisted amusement, Your Man witnessed the stunning effects of, well, mostly crack, thanks to kindly construction worker bent over in his attempt to board up the gaping hole in Phillips Hall's south wall. (I'll forever remain emotionally disturbed by the way. Thanks so much. I'll send you the therapy bills, Doyle.)

Aside from that, I was stunned by this sight which could only be explained by yet another effect of what is quite possibly Northwest and Maryville's worst epidemic aside from gingivitis and syphilis: irresponsible boozing.

Yes, indeed. We've all seen our share



## The Stroller

of irresponsible boozing, most likely a majority of it while staring at our own bloodshot eyes in the mirror and praying for death while worshipping the Outback's bathroom sink. Your Man, although head and shoulders among normal people, is also no exception when it comes to occasionally experiencing the detrimental effects of drinking to excess in my quest for ultimate coolness (which I have long since achieved, for the record). However, the results have not been as memorable as, say, ramping an 18-inch curb and careening through a few brick walls.

Your Man completely acknowledges the fact that there's absolutely no sin in throwing back a case or seven a few nights a week. There's not too much else to do around here, and certainly, it keeps me from slitting my wrists. But please, for the love of crap, let's try to do it safely by staying the hell out from behind the wheel. Believe it or not, we do have the opportunity.

There's no denying that, while our local police force make the Gestapo look like, well, Campus Safety, when it comes to the arrest and prosecution of any other meager offense in this city, including failure to play country

music or the dreaded minor in-possession (which resulted in me drifting under a blanket with the lights off until the age of 21), one thing they are most certainly cool about is drunks on foot. Unbeknownst to many, to be able to stumble home unprovoked really is a privilege.

You see, where Your Man and many of you as well, I'm sure, hail from an offense called (say it with me) "public intoxication" exists. This offense, of which its stupidity surpasses driving through buildings by a long shot, basically translates to: "Dear drunk-ass: You're going to get arrested if you walk home drunk, so you may as well drive, because you're less likely to get pulled over than to get caught walking. Love, the cops."

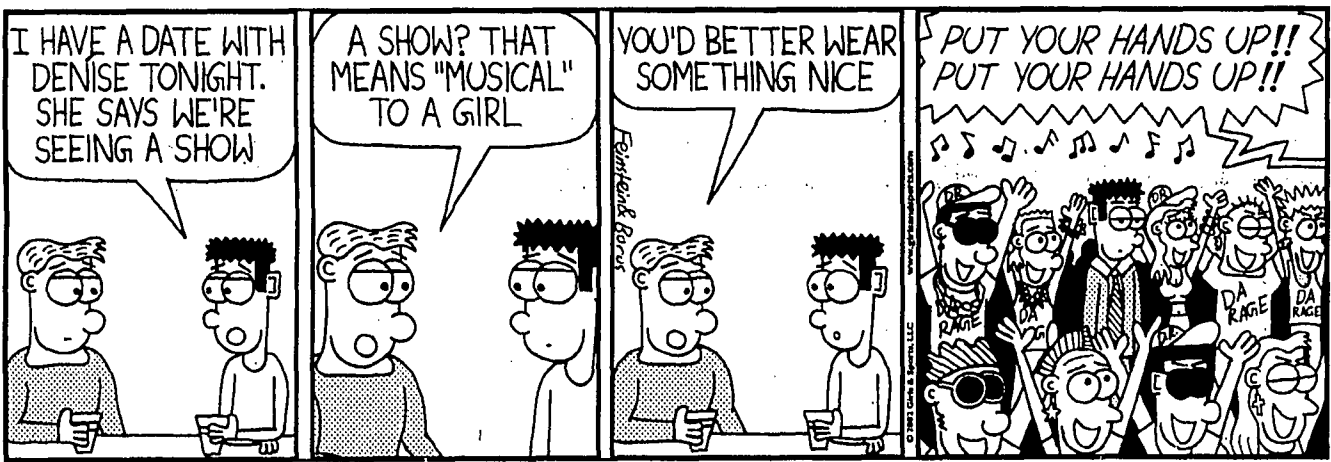
Sadly enough, it's true, and it results in more drunk drivers on the road. However, in what may be the city's first intelligent move since, um, ever, this law does not exist in Maryville. As we all know, it's perfectly legal to saunter home sufficiently trashed, even making the occasional heave stop without problems just as long as you're not driving. On occasion, one may even be offered a ride home from an officer on a slow night. (Just beware of ulterior motives.)

Because of this, fellow students and boozers, there's really no excuse to be driving through buildings on account of severe drunkenness. Just hang tight, hoof it or call 562-TAXI. Trust me. It's cheap. Much cheaper than replastering 50 feet of wall, which we all know will result in another blasted credit hour surcharge.

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## Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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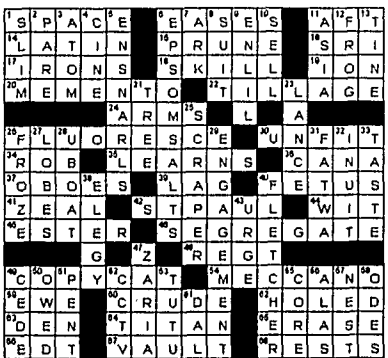
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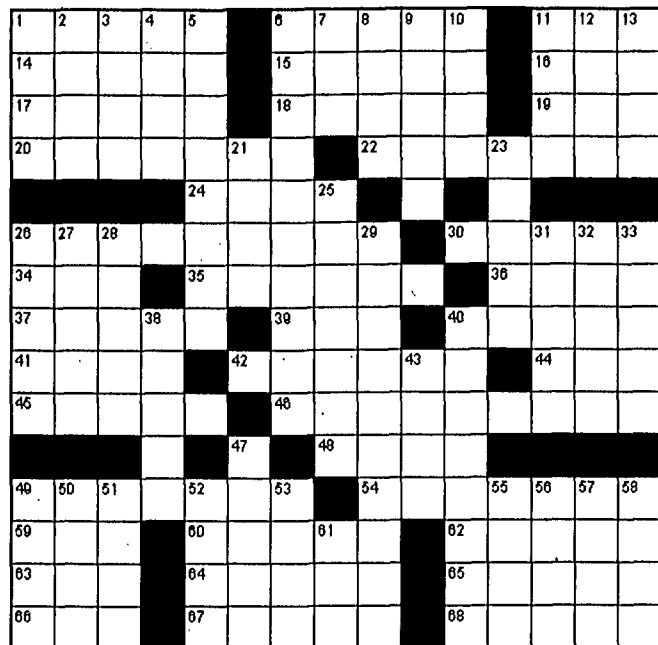
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### Across

1. Distance  
6. Alleviates  
11. Rearwards  
14. Old tongue  
15. Crop  
16. Indian title  
17. Smooths out  
18. Expertise  
19. Particle  
20. Keepsake  
22. Cultivated land  
24. Branches  
26. Glow  
30. Unsound  
34. Fleece  
35. Determines  
36. Galilean town

### Down

37. Wind instruments  
39. Insulate  
40. Child, pre-birth  
41. Keeness  
42. Minnesota city (2,4)  
44. Wag  
45. Organic compound  
46. Single out  
48. Regiment  
49. Aper  
54. (Trademark) a metal model construction set  
59. Sheep  
60. Coarse  
62. Perforated

### Down

1. Slight  
2. Trim  
3. Speck  
4. Film  
5. Catches up  
6. Laxative (5,5)  
7. Large boat  
8. Fit  
9. Sumerian air god

Answers can be found on this page

- Trade
- Land mass
- Decorative loop of braid
- Projecting point
- Large plant
- Spear
- De-icing tool
- Stopped dead
- Roundish divisions
- Sub (1-4)
- Booking
- Religious decree
- Eskimo
- Discernment
- Lament
- John Gould
- US poet
- Impulse
- Nigerian city
- Give up
- Due
- Shut up
- Type of television
- Ballet skirt
- Nub
- Unfortunately
- Gun emplacement
- Poems
- Lentil sauce

## on the edge

### Space shuttle facts:

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